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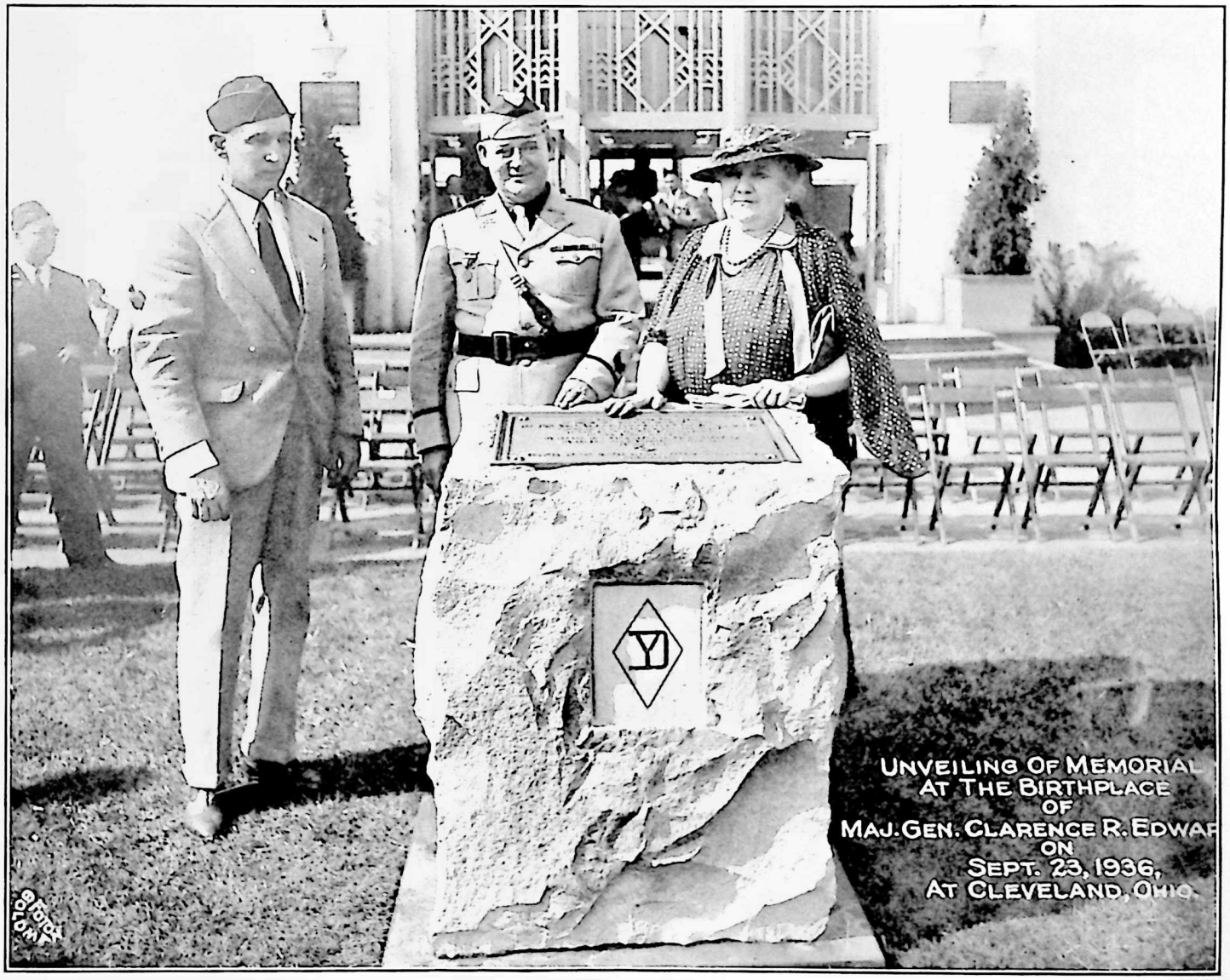

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THE PORTLAND CONVENTION

The Committee making ready for next June's YD Convention in Portland, Maine, is already hard at work.

Under the Chairmanship of O. (for OWEN) PERCY BENTON, with PERCY WITHAM as Secretary, and committee heads already chosen, the Convention plans are off to a flying start. Weekly entertainments are bringing in some working capital, and state and city officials have promised strong support.

And, for those who went to Portland in 1932, it will be of interest to know that they are planning for another of those Portland-style lobster- and clam-bakes — probably the most successful single feature of any Convention to date!

They're talking about having it at Ft. McKinley, which is on the shore but on the mainland. But if you want to pay 50 cents or $1.00 higher registration, it can be held on one of the islands, with the boat ride and all, as before. What do you say?

CHRISTMAS CARDS

By the time this is read, you will have received your usual box of Christmas cards from the Y. D. V. A.

This year, the special feature card, of which there are four, is a steel engraved etching of the entrance door of the YD Memorial Clubhouse, Headquarters of the Y. D. V. A. And very Christmasy it looks too.

Please send your dollar promptly, and help the Association know where it stands. We feel pretty sure you're going to like this year's assortment.

BETWEEN OURSELVES

This is written on October 9. Whether it will be read before election, on November 3, or after, we are not certain. And it doesn't matter. It isn't a campaign speech. DOINGS has no business in politics. How each one of us votes is our own business and, just because it happens to be our job to write this page, doesn't mean that our reasons for voting whichever way we're going to (which is none of your business — and, anyhow, we're not sure yet) should be expounded as an argument for others to do the same. What we do want to speak about is not politics and politicians, but the American system in general — the system of popular representative government, its benefits and its penalties, its advantages and its disadvantages, its wisdom and folly.

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First of all, let's venture a prediction. We predict (and bear in mind that we do not know whether this will be read before election or after) that, no matter what the result is, the next four years will find the majority of us no worse off— and probably much better off — than we have been the past four. Business, industry, commerce, are on the upgrade and they will continue on the upgrade regardless of the party in power. There's our guess; and we'll stick to it.

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An American election campaign is an engaging phenomenon. Paradoxically, the very feature which is its outstanding virtue, and which reflects most credit upon us as a people, is the identical feature which revolts, disgusts and insults our intelligence and sends us to the polls in a state bordering on the frenzy of a holy crusader going over the top with a fixed bayonet. It is known as free speech? It is guaranteed in the Bill of Rights. When you think of Russia's execution squads and Germany's secret tribunals, kneel in all humility and thank God for free speech. Then—when you think of—oh, well, not naming any names—most any American office seeker— add a P. S. to your paeans of praise, and ask God to deliver you from the curse of — free speech!

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So, after "the tumult and the shouting die" and we all regain a measure of sanity again (as we surely will; we always do) here are a few things to write on your cuff, bear in mind, and abide by in the years ahead.

1. Neither candidate is (or was) a crook or a blackguard. Each is an American gentleman of high intelligence. The future of America is safe in the hands of either. They have different ideas, but neither one believes all he says about the other. Neither one really—in his heart—fears doom and damnation if his opponent is elected. He simply fears loss of a job and some glory.

2. In the good old American way, no matter whether your man won or lost, get behind the winner for a united America. Stick to your principles and criticize what seem to you to be mistakes, but boost when you can, and get things done. REMEMBER, if your favorite was defeated, that doesn't make the victor simply the President of the ones who voted for him. It makes him your President too, and mine, and everybody else's.

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What are some of the facts and principles a darn sight more important than who wins an election?

1. Hoover didn't cause the depression; Roosevelt didn't end it. They happened to be in office when these phenomena occurred.

2. The next President will not be wholly — or even in large measure — responsible for the improvement on the way. It's coming anyway.

3. Not all wealthy men are heartless oppressors of the down-trodden; not all penniless men are martyred saints. There are simply more of the latter and each one has one vote. There are honest, upright, patriotic, social-conscious *rich* men, and there are tight-fisted, scheming, chiseling, self-centered rich men. And there are a thousand times as many of *each kind* of poor men too.

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4. The government of the nation is the government of *all* the people. To make part of the people believe that the other part are their natural-born enemies IS NOT AMERICANISM! It is just exactly as UNAMERICAN to exalt the unfortunate and revile the successful as it would be to bow to the powerful and oppress the defenseless! America wants no class hatred. A democracy which allows it to show its head is doomed! If you remember no other word written here, remember that!

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5. Roosevelt is no Communist; Landon is no Tory. Campaign bunk! Each was born and bred

in the heritage of American ideals and could no more change his basic principles than he could change the color of his skin.

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6. Free choice is not for sale and must never be put up for sale. A party which exploits the freedom of will of an American citizen by purchasing his vote by a job or "relief"—in his time of desperation—is not an AMERICAN party —no matter whether it goes by the name of Republican or Democrat.

7. No party can howl down an honest dissenting view—even if it calls itself Union—and remain an AMERICAN party.

8. Public office holders are public *servants* to *carry out* the will of the people; not free agents to formulate and execute their own theories *upon* the people.

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9. Government is a necessity, a luxury, and an investment—all in one. *It's your money that pays for it.* It's up to you to say how much you want to put in, and whether or not you get back your money's worth. There are two factors from the investment angle. The first is what functions in your life do you feel should be performed by government and what should be left to private initiative. The second is how *efficiently* the functions you *do* consider essentially governmental are performed—and how much of your investment is wasted. On the first point, opinions vary all the way from simply an instrumentality for defense against enemies without and within—and nothing else — to a regimented state where government is all. Somewhere is the happy medium. But, on the second point, almost everyone will agree that no matter how many fields of our daily lives government enters into, it charges far more than the sort of job it turns out is worth. It's *your* government, it's *your* investment, and it's *your* money; you are a stockholder in the company! Let us decide, as stockholders, how many sidelines we want it to go into, and how many are already being turned out better and cheaper by someone else. Then, once decided what this company's product is to be, let's make it pretty clear that there is no need for ten men sitting in mahogany chairs to do the work of one man at a lathe! We can—we're the stockholders —and the ultimate boss—if we'd only wake up and realize it.

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10. Recovery and prosperity will come in production and distribution of goods—the only true wealth, and in speedier circulation of these goods in terms of their symbol—money. It will NOT come by raising prices—it will NOT come by lowering prices; it will NOT come by cheapening "money", i. e. printing more of it; it will NOT come by any magical redistribution of so-called "big fortunes". It will come from the sweat of men's brows, the power of men's machines, the inspiration of men's minds, the aspirations of men's souls for more and better things —NOT from wordy documents enacted in the halls of Congress or enunciated from White House or Treasury Department. Forget it! Wipe it from your mind! America, get to work!

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11. It takes two parties to make a fight. An uppercut swing in thin air may dislocate the swinger's arm. Europe has tried to oppose Communism with Fascism. And take a look at Europe! Let 'em blow off steam, but know in your own mind why they're wrong, and go your own way. Revolutions come from too much hunger and too many idle hours — not from the preaching of theories and doctrines. Keep men busy and keep 'em fed. No teakettle ever blew up unless someone plugged up the spout. There's plenty of space for the free steam to escape and evaporate. When you feel like shutting someone up, don't forget someone probably feels the same about you. But it isn't the American way.

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12. Keep your sense of humor. Don't grit your teeth and get too darn serious. Try to think of a President in his pajamas on the porch when the wind blows the door shut. Recently a China-Japan "incident" commenced when a Chink in a night club threw a pear core at a Jap soldier. That's how serious they take themselves. "It couldn't happen here."

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Be an American—as loud-mouthed and wise-cracking as you feel like, and as resentful of anyone's interference with your "speaking your piece". Be an American glad to do an honest day's work for an honest day's pay, and expecting everybody else to do the same. Be an American to whom those who have less are brothers to be helped and those who have more are lucky-stiffs that you'll catch up with if you can. Be an American with enough Yankee shrewdness not to get stuck in a hoss-trade or pay any more for the blessings of government than they're worth. Be an American, speaking your mind and letting everyone else speak theirs — and this country of ours will be safe and a swell place to live in for a long time to come.

LEN MALONEY HONORED AT TESTIMONIAL DINNER

On the evening of Saturday, September 26, the beautiful Farmington Country Club, in the charming old New England village of Farmington, Conn., was the scene of just the sort of party that warms the heart of real YD men when they get together for a good time.

For a long time, the officers who served under and with LEN MALONEY during his term of office last year as National President of the Y. D. V. A. have felt that the truly magnificent accomplishment brought about by his own personal energy and magnetism was worthy of even further recognition than the Gold Medal which he received as Past President at the Worcester Convention. It was therefore decided upon, in the language of the poet, "to throw a party", and to present Len with some sort of gift which should be a personal reminder of the respect and esteem in which he is held by every one of the twenty or more National Officers who did their best to help him carry out his energetic campaign for the growth of the Association.

So let us get back to Farmington Country Club and tell you as best we can of the party there. Seated at the head table, flanked by the colors of Hartford Chapter, the guest of honor sat almost hidden by the huge floral piece directly in front of his place. Unfortunately, quite a number of those who held office during Len's administration found it impossible to be present for one reason or another, but, glancing around, one could see the faces of about thirty men who have been the backbone of the Y. D. V. A. not only last year, but this year and in many past years. We cannot tell you all their names, but outstanding amongst them were National President AL HERMAN, National Treasurer LEA REDFIELD, old reliable BARNEY CLARKE, National Past President BIRD KEACH, many of the officers of Connecticut Chapters, JIM HURLEY from New York State, TOM CROKAN from Springfield, Mass., ERNIE PARENT from Worcester, and BILL MCGARRY from Holyoke, just to mention the ones from outside Connecticut. Then too, were BEN PITMAN, TOM BROWN, Maj. MIKE OWENS, PETE GEENTY, BILL SULLIVAN and others.

All the credit for arranging the party must be given to ED MILLER, President of Hartford Chapter, and he certainly did a grand job. During the informal cocktail hour preceding dinner, while groups gathered here and there to talk and sing, empty glasses were construed as an insult to the house as waiters with brimming pitchers were constantly on the hop, grabbing empty ones out of men's hands and replacing them with full ones. As every reader can well imagine, the dinner started off with everyone in the proper spirit.

During and between courses of an excellent repast, the guests were regaled with as snappy a collection of stories, songs, and brand new gags as your reporter has ever heard any place. We wish that some of the hot numbers told by these entertainers whom ED MILLER imported from New York for the occasion could be retold here, but we fear we would have to use asbestos paper and even then the postal authorities would be on our neck.

For no good reason that your reporter can think of he was chosen in his capacity of National Secretary to act as Toastmaster and formalities commenced with trying to get certain ones to speak who didn't want to speak, and the even harder task of trying to keep from speaking those whom he could see were beyond the speaking stage, but who, of course, were the most insistent that they should be called upon. The upshot of it was that everybody made a speech before the evening was over, some by request and some because no power on earth could stop them. Some of the speeches were good, most of them were punk, especially the toastmaster's attempts at humor as contrasted with the real jokes told by the professional entertainers. But each and every speaker was sincere and eloquent in his praise of the brand of leadership furnished by LEN MALONEY.

One of the features was a brand new song, words and music by ED MILLER, which appears elsewhere in this number. It is a catchy tune and ED hopes it will catch on and be used at YD meetings everywhere.

The high spot of the evening came — or at least it should have come — at the conclusion of the address delivered by the final speaker, LEN's bosom pal, JIM HURLEY of New York, who was chosen to make the presentation of the gift because of the fact that he and LEN served together in the same Company during the War. But JIM had been having his own good time and apparently had more generous friends present than anyone else, with the consequence that he finished speaking and sat down just at the point where

the grand climax should have been reached. After looking around vainly for assistance, the toastmaster was forced to jump into the breach as a most extraordinary spectacle greeted the eyes of the guests. The huge floral center-piece slowly parted in the middle, drawn by four ribbons extending to the four corners of the table, revealing a sterling silver cigarette box. On the lid and sides of the box were engraved a facsimile reproduction of the actual signatures of the twenty-two men whose gift it was, the National Officers of LEN's administration. This particular gift was decided upon as conveying a personal part of each man. Those whose signature appeared are the following: WILLARD S. SMITH, L. H. REDFIELD, PHILIP N. SANBORN, C. BIRD KEACH, ROYAL K. HAYES, RAYMOND B. KINCAID, ALFRED POIRIER, ELTON P. WALKER, WILLIAM J. SAYERS, LESLIE E. WILSON, CHARLES B. DAILEY, E. K. DEVINE, ALBERT W. HERMAN, DANIEL A. JONES, R. WINSLOW LLOYD, RAYMOND J. QUEENIN, ARCHIE J. BRADLEY, COBURN SMITH, P. O. PALMSTROM, EDGAR F. MILLER, JOHN L. WHALEN and JOSEPH H. GAUTHIER.

Before the guest of honor had a chance to respond, Past President BIRD KEACH jumped into the picture with a mysterious looking package which, when unwrapped, proved to be a worthy companion piece for the cigarette box. When LEN checked out of the Bancroft Hotel in Worcester, at the end of last JUNE's Convention, he was somewhat perturbed to discover that the big brass cap of one of his bed posts was missing, and BIRD's mysterious package proved to be the missing bedpost cap, turned upside down with three small feet welded to it and two cigarette rests welded to the open end. Around the base of this ingenious ash tray appeared the words "TO LEN FROM BIRD. THE BATTLE OF THE BANCROFT".

This was the hit of the evening, as nearly everyone knew about the missing cap, but no one knew what had become of it.

In a fine little speech, LEN acknowledged the two gifts in the spirit in which they were given; the silver box in a serious vein, and the brass ash tray as a good joke, which indeed it was.

The other high spot of the evening was, unquestionably, poor TOM CROKAN's many futile attempts to deliver an inspired oration. Finally, TOM did get the floor, only to forget the two-minute rule and succumb to the gavel of the toastmaster.

The party broke up, as YD parties have a habit of doing, with those singing who were able to sing, while the others groaned what they thought was the chorus from underneath the tables. Probably the last real event of the evening was the detail assigned to BIRD KEACH and your reporter of persuading JIM HURLEY of the wisdom of going to bed instead of driving back to New York. All in all, it was just the kind of party it should have been and it is only too bad that many of the others could not have been there to enjoy it.

P. N. S.

YD SERVICE FUND

The YD Veterans Association has found itself somewhat up against it to keep pace with the amount of work being done among disabled men by National Service Officer ERNEST PARENT. ERNIE is constantly on the hop, taking this fellow or that to some hospital, often times as far away as Newington, Connecticut, and has been doing all this work, paying all his traveling expenses out of his own pocket. At the last meeting of the Executive Committee, it was voted to reimburse him for these expenses, as it was felt to be most unfair to expect any man to spend his own money in carrying out his job as an officer of the Y. D. V. A., particularly where he receives no pay for that job.

The Association has never yet had enough surplus money to do the amount of service work it should do. This sort of work, done in the splendid way that ERNIE PARENT does it, benefits not only the disabled men themselves but also the Association as a whole, letting it be known that the principle of caring for our own disabled is more than mere words.

The Executive Committee felt that if the time ever came when the Association had any surplus above running expenses the money should be devoted to this sort of work. But what to do in the meantime was the question, as the Service Officer's job is constantly growing and his expenses will soon amount to a considerable sum each month. The decision eventually reached seems to be a happy solution, but, before we explain it to you, let us quote from a letter written by the wife of one of the men whom ERNIE has rendered great assistance.

> It is with heart-felt gratitude that I feel that I must write you this letter, to let you know of the wonderful service that the

Y. D. V. A. has accomplished through Mr. ERNEST C. PARENT, its National Service Officer.

My husband being in immediate need of treatment, Mr. PARENT was contacted through the officers of our Salem YD Chapter on a Sunday afternoon. Mr. PARENT immediately left his home in Worcester to come to us who were in need of his services. He arrived early Sunday evening and made all arrangements for my husband's entry to a hospital. On Monday morning, he took my husband to the Bureau, filled out his papers, and by eleven o'clock my husband was in the Chelsea Naval Hospital.

It is really wonderful that the Y. D. V. A. has such men as Mr. PARENT, who left his own home and his wife, who was not very well, to come to the aid of a YD comrade. To me the Y. D. V. A. is the greatest organization in having such true-blue YD men.

I remain sincerely grateful,

That gives you an idea of the work being done. And now for the manner decided upon to meet the traveling expenses. ERNIE told the Executive Committee that some of the fellows whom he had helped wished to pay him, but, that in every case, he had refused to accept the money. He asked for authority to accept these contributions, where voluntarily offered, toward his expense. But it was finally decided that a far better way would be for him to explain to those who wished to pay that the money should be sent to the Treasurer of the Association, to be laid aside in a separate account from which his future expenses would be met.

This service fund is now open and it is not limited to disabled men who call upon the service officer for help. Anyone and everyone is free to donate if he feels as we do; namely (1) that helping disabled YD men is one of the primary purposes of this organization, and (2) that the service officer should not be expected to spend his own private money in carrying on this work. If these aims meet with your approval and you have a dollar or two to spare, make your checks payable to the Y. D. V. A. Service Fund.

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP STANDING

Since the last issue of YANKEE DOINGS, one new Chapter has been organized, in Detroit, Mich.

The present total membership, as this issue goes to press (Oct. 13), is 3290, far above any total ever before reached in the history of the Association.

The standing by Chapters is as follows:

MAINE	
Bangor	11
Lewiston	23
Portland	45
Waterville	2
At Large	44
TOTAL	125

NEW HAMPSHIRE	
Concord	22
Keene	58
Manchester	58
Nashua	25
At Large	25
TOTAL	188

VERMONT	
Rutland	12
At Large	18
TOTAL	30

MASSACHUSETTS	
Attleboro	12
Boston	442
Brockton	37
Clinton	21
Fitchburg	69
Holyoke	17
Lawrence	78
Lowell	142
Lynn	136
Marlboro	44
Milford	38
New Bedford	41
Northampton	18
Plymouth	10
Salem	30
Springfield	50
Webster	20
Worcester	144
At Large	156
TOTAL	1505

CONNECTICUT	
Bridgeport	51
Bristol	69
Hartford	154
Manchester	30
Meriden	40
Middletown	25
New Britain	64
New Haven	257
New Milford	8
Norwalk	37
Stamford	71
Terryville	19
Valley	18
Wallingford	16
Waterbury	55
Willimantic	18
Winsted	14
At Large	23
TOTAL	969

RHODE ISLAND	
At Large	66

UNITED STATES	
Chicago	30
Detroit	12
Los Angeles	27
Newark	16
New York	134
Washington	35
At Large	153
TOTAL	407

GRAND TOTAL	3290

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WATCH US GROW

AMERICANISM BULLETIN

By ROYAL K. HAYES

Director of Americanization, Y. D. V. A.

Most of us will be thankful when the results of the coming election are safely on the ice for another four years. For many months our weary eyes have been forced to wade through seas of ink-stained pages of political bunk. Moronic oratory has irritated our sensative eardrums, and we, the dear pee-pul, confess that we are sick of the ranting of political fakers. The rabble-rousers have done their best to prove their contention that the dear public is amazingly gullible. And the dear public grows more cynical every day, as it finds itself tossed to and fro on the political waves of passion, prejudice and stupidity. This year, the character assassins have gone to the dirtiest sewers for their propaganda. Politics in the United States has reached a new low level.

In many families the safest topic for conversation is still that much discussed and highly intellectual subject, ye olde weather. Why all this undue excitement about an election? We still must go on living together, regardless of which gang of politicians receives the most votes. In ninety-nine cases out of a hundred, candidates seek political office for the salary paid and the opportunity afforded of strutting like a peacock down Main Street. This is no indictment of American democracy. The attempt to pose as a smart alec solves no problem. But, like millions of other American citizens, the writer feels that politics in the United States is a headache and an insult to human intelligence. It is no longer a problem of partisan politics, as labels have little meaning today in the United States. Politicians have a tendency to change their party affiliations and discard their former beliefs in government and sever political friendships providing the changes benefit their pocketbook or social standing. Most of us selfish creatures probably are largely governed in making decisions by our mixed motives. The desire for personal gain and favor plays a part in most human conduct. But why all the hypocrisy?

It hardly seems credible to believe that candidates spend large sums of money and make speeches and travel long distances in order to serve the dear public for the joy of doing a good turn for humanity. One might understand this unselfish desire to volunteer for a life of service on the part of a scientist or a saint. But as politicians are neither scientists nor saints, one knows that politicians are usually in the game to make money or gain power. No honest business man has delusions that he is a martyr for a noble cause or that he is destined to be a savior of humanity. The writer knows from years of practical experience in the wicked world of trade and commerce that the business man is in business to make money in order to buy steaks, shoes and a trip to Maine for good fishing.

If American democracy is to survive another ten years, we must face given facts and cooperate together, or else go down with the ship. Most of us still believe that American democracy is our best bet if it can be made to function. What is the trouble? Politics is the answer. There are still some honest and intelligent men and women in the ranks of labor, industry, business and the professions. But God save America from her politicians! Can you conceive of a sane person requesting that a blacksmith remove his diseased appendix? Which would you prefer, a good trial lawyer or a wise-cracking regular fellow, for your defense if you were up for first-degree murder? Even in the sordid business world, a salesman or an advertising man is supposed to know something about his product. But in politics we have a tendency to elect men to public office who have neither talent nor training for their job. It takes more than the gift of gab to qualify for an office of public trust. There is no more reason for electing a moron to represent you in public office than there is a reason for appointing a child in the grade schools the manager of your own business. In the last analysis the dear public foots the bills and pays the freight. It is more important to vote for the qualified man than it is to follow the orders of some pot-bellied political boss.

We all have the right to vote for the candidates of our own selection. That is our privilege in a democracy. But if we wish our country to survive and our system of government to continue to function successfully, then let us resolve to put common sense into our political thinking. Regardless of political belief, or our own personal opinion, or the outcome of the present election, let us agree to work together in harmony with our fellow American citizens for the following objectives:

1. A better understanding between Veterans and Service Clubs and Veterans and Civic Groups in our own community.
2. A personal interest and the spirit of cooperation in Non-Partisan Movements that aim to work for the best interests of the community, state and nation.
3. The elimination of the "Spoils System" and the establishment of the "hands off" policy in regards to all efficient career men and women regardless of their personal political convictions.
4. The recognition of the fact that the rights of the people is more important than the granting of special privileges to political groups or minority factions.
5. The belief that American democracy can survive only under honest and intelligent leadership and that political parties or labels are a secondary consideration.
6. The fostering of a one hundred percent Americanism in public affairs and in personal lives and the encouragement of Americanization programs that aim, through right education, to teach the meaning of good government and good citizenship.
7. The belief that it is good business and wise strategy to live and let live, while we honestly and intelligently endeavor to prove to ourselves and the world that democracy can successfully function in the United States.

DIFFERS WITH HAYES ON DEFINITION OF AMERICANISM

Editor of YANKEE DOINGS:

A few minutes ago, I was pretty damned mad, so I waited until I cooled off to write this.

For some time, I have noted with regret an apparent tendency on the part of our Americanism Officer to become rather rabid in his pronouncements. "With regret", I say, because his earlier work, as viewed through YANKEE DOINGS, had seemed to me excellent. No one could have a deeper inborn hatred of Communism and Fascism than I, nor anyone hold more hotly that if the holders of these Alien theories don't like American ways they are not only at liberty to go, but should be compelled to go, where the majority of people apparently agree with them.

But, despite my sympathy with his basic viewpoint, I have for some time deplored Mr. HAYES' increasing tendency to demean the dignity of his service (and, I think, its efficiency) by resorting in print to rabid utterances and the use of cheap epithets. "Glorified mugs and morons", in his article in the September issue, is an excellent phrase — however apt — well worth the dignity of his task!

These words, however ill chosen they seem to me, have not stirred my ire, but the article from which I just quoted contains those which have.

In one breath, HAYES says, "There is something rotten about . . . . who teaches the anti-American spirit of arraignment of class against class", and in the next breath arraigns together the Communist Party, The American Liberty League, and the Black Legion. "Phonies who hide behind a sheet, a Red flag or a stuffed shirt."

Communism is avowedly anti-American. The Black Legion stands convicted, by the testimony of its own members, of the blackest bigotry in the name of Americanism. The Liberty League stands accused only by those whom it has opposed—and whom Mr. HAYES now seems to support—of selfish, greedy motives alone.

In such a case, doubtless Mr. HAYES believes that accusation is tantamount to conviction. Since there may be some whose adherance to the League IS wholly selfish, doubtless it applies to all, and among the erstwhile prominent leaders are none who earnestly and sincerely fear that there is danger to the American ideal in the things they fight? And doubtless all the League's members are "malefactors of great wealth", "representatives of entrenched greed"?

Can it be that to the YD's Americanization Officer the possession of some of this world's goods, the ownership of a stiff shirt and the accessories, are warranty enough for proscription (another thoroughly "American" idea)!

I don't believe it; yet his words implied it and, insofar as they do, are as "rabble-rousing", potentially, as those un-American methods he decries as contributory to class hatred.

You know, of course, that I am a member of the League—a member because I believed, and still believe, that the things the League opposes are, because they come from *within* the body politic, a far more instant threat to your liberty and mine than even the menace of Communism, which comes from without. Also because, when

it was formed, the League's was the only voice raised to call to Americans' attention this insidious evil. I supported and support the League's general position, knowing full well that if someone *should* gain selfish advantage from its acts that, even so, if its cause be won, the benefit to us all will more than offset it.

For that "eternal vigilance" which is "the price of safety" the League is damned — by its enemies only. Let it not be damned, expressly or implicitly by the YD's Americanization Officer.

Let him rather admit at least the *possibility* of the sincerity of those who too claim to fight for America, even though not in accordance with his ideas.

NELSON W. MCCORMICK
(Hd., 103rd F. A.)

Grosse Pointe, Michigan.
October 10.

A VIGOROUS PROTEST

Editor of YANKEE DOINGS:

I want to take this opportunity to protest, as vigorously as I know how, the letter contained in the September issue of YANKEE DOINGS—signed by EDWIN A. HOLMES of Winthrop, Mass., as a political missive of the No. A1 sort. I don't think that the official publication of the YD is any place wherein any man, whether he be a member or not, can vent his political spleen, either in favor of or against any candidate or group of candidates. I am of the opinion that that letter is an insult to the intelligence of every member of the Association and, unless I am wrong, our national constitution does, or should, prohibit any movement within the organization which is an out and out political maneuver.

I have no quarrel with the writer of the missive for his political beliefs, nor is this a letter or argument against what he and his family are going to do in the national election. It is, however, the voice of one member, at least, raised against the participation by the YD, in any way, shape or manner—as an organization—in politics. As individuals, of course, I believe that I or any other member of the YD is free to vote as he chooses, but when a communication of this kind is given the dignity of a space in our national magazine, then it is high time that the membership, as a body, arise in protest.

I wouldn't believe that an out and out political message, such as the one referred to, in which there is an appeal, direct and out-spoken, for votes for a political candidate who is not a member of our organization, would be carried in the national organ of our association. I tell you, I for one don't like it. Had it been an appeal for some outstanding person within our own ranks, I could forgive its being printed. However, the YD Association will either keep out of politics or its life will be short-lived.

I can't see any excuse for it and, as one of the organizers of our Chapter here and a past president, I want to vehemently protest the appearance of any more letters of this sort. Let us, at least, keep our noses clean.

Yours for the YD,
—GERALD P. CREAN.

New Britain, Conn.
October 15.

BUDDY, CAN YA SPARE A DIME?

Elsewhere in this number you will read of the dedication of a boulder and bronze tablet in Cleveland, marking the birthplace of General EDWARDS. Also you will see pictures of this fine looking memorial.

But what we want to talk about here is paying for it. The total cost of the granite, the bronze, the labor, shipping to Cleveland and setting up comes to about $375.00. The Executive Committee of the Y. D. V. A. has voted to give *every member* a chance to have an equal share in this tribute. We have 3200 members. A dime apiece will bring in $320.00 and the balance can be met from the treasury of the Association. Is having the Old Man's birthplace marked and the name of the YD publicly recognized in the state of Ohio worth ten cents to you?

How to do it? If we have to mail a coin card to every member, the expense will take nearly half the money received and we would have to ask for fifteen cents. So please take this notice as a personal letter to *you*.

Chapter Members (those holding yellow membership cards): Bring it onto the floor at your

next Chapter meeting, if your officers fail to mention it. (They have received a bulletin about it from National Headquarters). Chapters having a little cash in the kitty are asked to send a check equal to ten cents for each member at once, and then pass the hat to get it back. If there is any doubt as to your membership standing, you'll find the correct totals printed in this number. In only a few cases will the amount be more than $10.00. Chapters having no money in the kitty will have to collect the dimes from the members. In this case—just as a suggestion—if only half the members are present, let each one kick in twenty cents and get a dime back from some member not present the next time he meets him.

First honors go to Stamford Chapter whose check for $5.60 for 56 members has already been received, and second place to Los Angeles with a check for $5.00.

Members-at-Large (those holding blue membership cards): Wrap a dime up in paper and mail it to L. H. REDFIELD, National Treasurer, Y. D. V. A., 200 Huntington Avenue, Boston.

Don't put it off. You'll forget it. Do it now.

SUGGESTED RITUAL FOR YD OUTDOOR MEMORIAL EXERCISES AT CEMETERY OR MONUMENT

By LEN MALONEY

New Haven Chapter, Y. D. V. A.

It is somewhat difficult to explain, without the aid of a diagram, the positions taken by the Chapter officers in this ceremony. Assuming the monument or grave as the center, the President stands at the north, the Chaplain on the south, the Sr. V. P. at the West, the Jr. V. P. at the East. Of course, these may not be the actual points at any given ceremony, and North can be chosen arbitrarily, in which case the others will be placed accordingly.

The firing squad stands beyond the Jr. V. P. at the East; the Band beyond the Sr. V. P. at the West. All others stand behind the Chaplain, with Gold Star mothers occupying the center position. All officers face the audience except that the Chaplain faces the President while addressed by the latter, and turns to face the audience when he himself speaks.

When officers have taken their positions the president should bring the audience to attention and give the command "Parade Rest". If there is a flagstaff, the colors should be lowered to half staff and "Retreat" sounded at the command of the president. Give command "At Ease" at end of Retreat.

President: The members of Hartford Chapter, Yankee Division Veterans Association, have assembled today in tribute to the memory of those of our comrades of the World War and other wars who have crossed the Great Divide. Especially are these memorial exercises dedicated to those of our comrades-at-arms who laid down their lives on the field of battle and those who have died this past year. Our chaplain will pronounce the invocation.

(An ordained minister, priest or rabbi may give the invocation if desired.)

Chaplain: Almighty God, leader of all armies and all nations, look down on us today and guide us in this tribute to our hallowed dead. Inculcate us anew with that strength of character, determination of purpose and love of country exemplified in our wartime service. Help us to hold high the torch of defiance to those who would tear down all those things for which our comrades died. Help us, we beseech Thee, to teach all mankind the creed of good fellowship, good citizenship and tolerance around which creed is built the Yankee Division Veterans Association. In Thy name we ask it. Amen!

President: Comrade Senior Vice-President, how have these departed comrades of ours exemplified the first principle of the Y. D. V. A. — good fellowship?

Senior Vice-President: Comrade President, greater love hath no man than that he lay down his life for his friend. And many of these men, Comrade President, laid down their lives that their fellows might live. They laid down their lives that peace might return to a war-torn world. These others who have died since their wartime service proved that they, too, were ready to lay down their lives for you and me and for our country.

President: Comrade Junior Vice-President, the second principle of the YD is good citizenship. How have our departed comrades proven their good citizenship.

Junior Vice-President: By precept and example, Comrade President. There is no greater test of citizenship, no greater test of love of country, Comrade President, than the call to defend that country. And these comrades have shown their willingness to defend to the very death the land they loved so well.

President: Will the chaplain remind us of that

trait of human character that is so needed in the world today.

Chaplain: That trait is "tolerance", Comrade President. With it a nation is imperishable; without it all the work of our illustrious forebears may tumble down in ruins.

President places wreath or flowers on memorial, handed him by Sergeant-at-arms. Both salute after flowers are placed. Sergeant-at-arms returns to his station.

President: Will the sergeant-at-arms present to my station Mr. (Name of speaker who is to deliver the eulogy).

Sergeant-at-arms escorts the speaker to the president's right.

President: We have chosen, to deliver the memorial address today, the Honorable So and So (the introduction can be made in usual manner).

Other speakers may precede or follow principal speaker. When speaking program has been completed, proceed as follows:

President: Will the secretary call the roll of honor.

Secretary: Calls in alphabetical order either (a) the names of all veterans buried in the cemetery, (b) the names of all deceased YD men of the community or (c) the names of the comrades who have died during the past year. As each name is called the chaplain answers "ABSENT", followed by a muffled drum roll. Drum continues to roll during roll call, rising as each name is called.

As the chaplain answers "Absent" to the last name on roll and drums have rolled, the president nods to the officer in charge of the firing squad. The firing squad fires three volleys, following which the bugler plays taps. After taps, the colors are raised to the top of the flagstaff while the bugler or a band (an octette of bugles is very acceptable) plays "To the Colors" or the National Anthem.

President: Until we meet again, next year, my comrades, I ask you to carry into civil life those principles upon which the Y. D. V. A. is founded —good fellowship, good citizenship and tolerance.

THE FIGHT AT CHATEAU THIERRY

The verses below were written by COLIN INGERSOLL, a former Hartford attorney and Yale graduate who died from war wounds a few years after returning from France. They were sent to YANKEE DOINGS by JOE CUNNINGHAM of Waterbury, a very dear friend of Lt. INGERSOLL.

T'ell you about the fighting?
  Well, give me a cigarette,
For I like to be easy
  When I think of the drive, you bet.

We'd been six months in the trenches
  Just waiting and standing to,
And then at last we got a chance
  To show what the boys could do.

We were down in Bouresches village
  Up near Chateau Thierry way,
When the Cap spoke up one morning,
  "We'll be over the top today.

The whole division is going,
  And we start right after mess,
And we'll make the Boches feel pretty sick,
  Or else I miss my guess."

Well, at three we left our trenches
  And we started right along
And we broke through wood and wheatfields
  But we kept on going strong,

Till we struck their line and broke it
  And we'll all remember well
When the whole blame Yankee Division
  Went crashing through with a yell.

But the men front and center,
  In accordance with the plan,
Were the lads of old Connecticut
  Bayonets shining in the van.

Day and night we pressed them backward;
  Day and night our comrades fell;
Day and night the shells burst midst us,
  Marching through the mouths of hell.

Four long days we followed grimly,
  Seeing things God never meant,
Till we reached the hills near Trugny,
  Weary, footsore, hungry, spent.

There we stopped and slept two hours,
  Had our first meal in two days,
Seized our guns and started onward
  Through the misty morning haze.

Took by storm the little village,
  Charged across a wheatfield broad,
While machine guns spit and crackled
  And the mighty cannon roared.

Captured chattering machine guns,
  Seized a field piece and some men,
Formed to take the heights above us —
  Started 'mid the shells, and then —

Had to give the project over
For those left were all too few.

The regular meeting of the YD Post 290, A.L., was held the evening of September 14, with Commander RILEY presiding.

The adjutant and finance officer's reports were read and accepted. Senior Vice-Commander SULLIVAN reported that there was a profit of $1676 made on the Field Day.

Comrade SIMMONS reported that the Sons of the Legion were holding their weekly Beano Parties at the Arbiter Club and asked for support from the Post.

Comrade APPLEBY stated that the Finance Officer's books were in excellent condition, recommended that the adjutant be allowed $5.00 on hand at all times to purchase stamps and postcards with.

A motion was made and passed that the election of officers be held at that time. Result of election: For Commander, J. C. SIMMONS; Senior Vice-Commander, J. F. COLLINS; Junior Vice-Commander, F. L. JACKSON; Adjutant, JOHN H. SMITH; Finance Officer, RENY GODUTI; Sergeant-at-Arms, J. W. LOVE; Chaplain, MALCOLM MORRISON; Historian, H. R. CHAPIN; Suffolk County Council, J. E. WHALEN, J. W. LOVE and J. E. HARTNETT; Executive Committee, A. APPLEBY, J. E. WHELAN, J. H. LYNCH, D. J. KENNY, F. T. O'NEIL and J. BEST.

New Business: On a motion of Comrade SOUSA, it was voted to give a rising vote of thanks to the Committee of the Sons of the Legion for the exceptional work they have done the past year.

It was moved and voted that a Past Commander insignia be presented to the retiring Commander. While the ballots for the incoming officers were being counted, Commander RILEY read a report of his stewardship as commander for the past year, which was well received. At its conclusion, and having to wait longer, LESLIE PERRY, the champion Bridge and Checker player of the Post and Club, challenged any member present to a game. Knowing LESLIE's prowess, there were no challengers. The results of the voting contained some surprises, in that Chaplain WILLIAM DAVIS, who had held the office for seven years, was defeated by Comrade MORRISON, and that Comrade COLLINS found a dark-horse contender for the office of vice-commander in MORRIS GOLDMAN.

A motion by Comrade MORRISON, seconded by Comrade LYNCH, that a Penny Sale be held to defray the expenses of the installation. Adjournment of the 109 members at 11:45 P. M.

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The regular meeting of the Post was held Monday evening, September 28, Commander RILEY presiding and 38 members present.

Adjutant's report read and accepted. Due to the absence of the Finance Officer, his report was omitted.

Commander-elect SIMMONS reported that the Sons of the Legion Bugle Corps won first prize in the competition at Chelmsford for straight marching, and that the Beano Parties conducted in behalf of the Sons were held weekly at Arbiter Hall.

Commander RILEY spoke on the advisability of the Post having their own quarters. He requested that the members pay a final tribute to a deceased comrade, who died the day previous, Comrade ALBERT J. O'NEIL, a member of the Post and Club, and lieutenant in the N. G. Many of the members signified their intention to attend the funeral ceremonies. It was then moved and voted that the meeting adjourn to allow the members and their friends to attend the Penny Sale. Some $59.00 was realized from this sale.

—M. J. MOONEY.

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THE PLEASURE WAS ALL OURS

Editor of YANKEE DOINGS:

Will you please thank, through the columns of YANKEE DOINGS, all my good friends and comrades who contributed to the success of the recent shindig at the Farmington Country Club. I want them all to know that I appreciate their kindly and friendly gesture and I am particularly appreciative of the unique gift presented me. The engraving of the fac simile signatures of the national officers who served under me last year was certainly a clever idea. You may be

sure it will always occupy an important place in my den. Again I say to you, to LEA REDFIELD, to ED MILLER, BILL SULLIVAN, to those who came great distances and to everybody — thanks a million.

And may I proclaim to all those who participated in the orgy in my room at Worcester that the lost has been found. They will recall that eight "whoosits" were missing from the bed posts and only seven were returned. The missing one turned up at Farmington. It was presented me by that old rounder, BIRD KEACH. He had had it bronzed and dressed up with three legs and doohickeys to hold cigarettes. In other words, it had been transformed into a novel ashtray upon which was engraved "The Battle of the Bancroft". Boys, these YDers do think up the derndest things. Thanks, Bird.

Yours in YD comradeship,

LEN MALONEY, *Peepee.*

100% Y. D. V. A. — WHY NOT?

In trying to solve the problem of getting every YD man into the fold, I sat before the fireplace the other evening and brought myself back to France in 1917-18 and 19. There I pictured Chemin-des-Dames — Toul — St. Mihiel — Chateau Thierry and the Argonne. It brought back those many weary nights and days when the old gang fought in unison as the 26th Division. We all know how tough it was and it is a forgone conclusion that, as a Division, we were a huge success. Made a record to be proud of, as a Division. The 101st Infantry needed the 101st F. A. — the 102nd needed the 102nd F. A. — the 103rd and 104th Infantry needed either 101st, 102nd or 103rd Artillery — we all needed the Machine Gun Units and Engineers, Supply Companies, etc., and therein my problem was solved.

If, during our days over there, we had to work together to attain victory, why can't the same idea be worked out here. Y. D. V. A. has more than doubled its membership this year to date, but the figures should make us bow our heads in shame. We have, roughly, about 3200 paid-up Y. D. V. A. members at the present time. We should have about 30,000! What a shame this condition exists. Where is that YD spirit of 1917-18-19?

I believe the problem was solved after my sojourn by the fireplace, and here it is. Why all these different Regimental Associations? Why all the Battery and Company Associations? If we needed each other over there, why do we not band together now as one big Y. D. V. A. and, instead of all these separate Reunions, make it *one great big* Association, just as it was when the 26th Division became famous, *as a Division.* It's this cooperation and team-work that makes for success in business, sports, or Veterans Associations. All YD men are proud of their old YD Division and should work to but one conclusion. Make the Yankee Division Veterans Association as strong in peace times as it was in war times. Let's band together again and forget these outside reunions and associations. Have them at our National Convention and, if we will do this, will we have an organization! The best in the country. What do you say, buddies?

—"MUSSOLINI".

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY BY OUTFITS

Last month DOINGS printed a "feeler" to ascertain how much of a demand there might be for printing a list of the members of one company of some regiment of the old Division each month with their addresses. About four out of 3290 members took enough interest to write.

We have discovered, by count, that there were about 160 companies or comparable units in the Division. Printing one a month would take approximately fifteen years. To print more than one a month would take more time in compiling the lists and more space to print them than DOINGS can afford. It seems as if the idea was kind of a punk one, and the suggestion was premature.

WHO WILL PUT UP OTHER TROPHIES FOR PORTLAND CONVENTION?

Editor of YANKEE DOINGS:

I was very disappointed that in the issues of YANKEE DOINGS that have appeared since the convention there has been no mention of chapters offering trophies for individual and chapter achievement during the current year. I had hoped that the precedent established last year would take hold, but I think that thus far Worcester is the only Chapter to make a cup available.

I personally will be glad to offer again a trophy to the chapter showing the best record in civic achievement between the Worcester and the Portland Conventions. The trophy will be known as the General EDWARDS Trophy for Achievement.

I trust other chapters will come forward with similar offers.

Very truly yours,

—LEONARD J. MALONEY,
Past National President.

THIS NUMBER

Once more we are late in getting YANKEE DOINGS out. It was after October 1 before you received the September number and we had hopes to have this October one out on schedule, but illness on the part of your Editor prevented it.

In some ways, you may find this issue not quite up to the usual standard you have been accustomed to expect. The reason for this is that it contains only such news as has been submitted by correspondents in the various sectors. Hitherto, your Editor has acted as his own reporter in covering the stories of many meetings and events here and there throughout New England. But having been unable during the past month to even be present at these meetings, let alone write them up, he has to fall back on the volunteer reporters actually present to write in the story of what took place. Some of them have done so, and some have not. Therefore, if you find some glaring omissions and feel that your Chapter has been slighted, you will have to place the blame where it really belongs, upon the one who is supposed to send in an account for YANKEE DOINGS, but who has not done so. In other words, we cannot print news unless the news reaches us and this issue is comprised solely of material which has been submitted since the last issue went to press.

P. P. PINCH HITS FOR A. O.

Here is proof of the olde YD spirit. I wanted some information and pictures of a tombstone of an early American ancestor, who died during the Revolution. (Am scheduled to address the D. A. R. in November and I needed some personal material.)

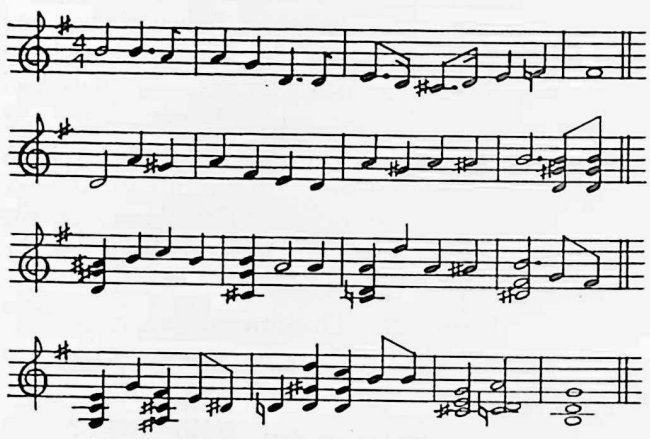
I wrote LEN MALONEY, Past President of the Y. D. V. A. LEN took personal charge of the assignment himself. He motored—and Len is busy as hell!—up from New Haven, Sunday, October 4, and took several pictures of the cemetery and tombstones at Hebron, Conn. He procured all the requested information, motored back to New Haven, had the film Monday, and Wednesday I had copies of pictures and all necessary information. Saved me a long motor trip to Hebron, Conn.

Now I call this an example of the old YD spirit. Is it any wonder that the YD went places and did things under LEN MALONEY? (and LEN took Mrs. Maloney, the kiddies for a jolly bodyguard).

—ROYAL K. HAYES.

A NEW YD SONG

The following song was written, both words and music, by ED MILLER, President of Hartford Chapter. It was sung for the first time at LEN MALONEY's testimonial dinner on September 26th. It went over big and is a good song to start off any YD meeting. Try it over on your old banjo.



Hail, Hail, the gang's all here,
The Yanks have come from near and far.
We've much in common,
And we know who won the war.
We brought fame to fair New England,
And helped make his-to-ry.
So we'll have our fun, but we'll carry on
For the old YD.

REPORT OF SERVICE OFFICER

I do want to get from various Chapter Presidents, from whom I have not heard regarding their Service Officer, the name of someone who is authorized to carry out the contact with me. In a big way, it does relieve me of unnecessary work. I know of seven now.

Many of the Y. D. V. A. members have had their claims acted upon in the past two months, and several have been admitted to the hospitals for EMERGENCY treatment with the constant cooperation of the Veteran Bureau physicians and officials. This has been accomplished by a routine of communications, with the able assistance of the veterans themselves. They are the patients and should, in every instance, try to do their share by cooperating with the various units of the U. S. Vet's Bureau.

After having made an appeal to the members of the Worcester Chapter at their last meeting, I was successful in obtaining an offer by Comrades ERNEST LALONE (Batt. E, 102nd F. A.) and RAY ROSSEEL (101st Inf.) to donate 5000 sheets of YD stationery with envelopes to be distributed

in the hospitals. This is the SPIRIT; many who are hospitalized at the present time have no means of writing to their comrades. This appeal was well answered and the Recreation Aides of the hospitals will distribute same as needed.

I would like very much to request that more members attend our State Department meetings, in order to hear the reports which in turn can be brought up at the regular meetings of each Chapter for ACTION, ETC.

As State Department Chaplain, I urge all members to report the deaths of our comrades to me by wire or phone in order that a representation can be present at the burial. Some go West and no one has any knowledge of it and this is one detail that I can attend any time. Dial 4-9297, Worcester.

There is talk that a Chapter will be formed in the city of Haverhill in the near future. However, they will all have to travel fast to keep in line with Comrade HARRY SHERMAN of the newly-formed Marlboro Chapter.

—ERNEST C. PARENT,
National Service Officer, Y.D.V.A.

Y. D. V. A. UNIFORMS?

Well, if I cannot have the time at our State Meetings to try to convey the thought uppermost in my mind, I guess I'll have to put it in writing; but then, you uniform antagonists won't read it.

Well, here it is: It has been my contention that if the Association wants to adopt a uniform let's live up to the word. It should not make any difference if chapters have degree teams with special or different colors from what we have in mind. If you desire to sport a degree team, you should expect to support it, as such degree teams and drum corps are for the purpose of competition for honors.

So I still say, let us adopt one uniform, with each state having its own insignia or markings. As to having two uniforms, if any chapter raised money or did not have to pay for their own outfit, those who can should be willing to buy one. After all, do you want to see each and every chapter adopt a uniform of their own idea? If so, the Y. D. V. A. on parade will look like a crowd that goes to a rube barn dance.

Now the easiest way out of the mess is to stand by Connecticut's adoption, and Portland's too. As to Mass., choose either Connecticut or Portland or the New Bedford, if you wish, but above all things include the overseas cap, because if you were sober enough to look long enough at PHIL SANBORN, ED MALEY or the sheriff from Milford with a beret on, you could understand why I prefer the overseas cap.

Yours in earnest,
THOMAS F. CROKAN,
Treasurer, Mass. State Dep't.

THE PICTURE TELLS THE STORY

HOLD IT HIGH, SON

Here we see the proud and sturdy son of ROE A. BALO (101st F. Sig. Bn.) of Akron, Ohio, showing his dad's prize possession, license plate YD 26.

YD AUXILIARY, BOSTON

The annual visit of the auxiliary to Rutland Hospital was made on October 18. The Annual Bazaar and Whist will be held at the YD Club on Saturday, November 9. Mrs. Katherine Curtin is chairman, assisted by the President, Mrs. Bertha Kenney, and several of the other members.

DEDICATION OF MEMORIAL TO

GROUP OF YD MEN AT CEREMONY OF DEDICATION OF BOULDER M
PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT LEN MALONEY, DIRECTLY BEHIND MONUMENT — TO
RIGHT. "AMONG THOSE PRESENT": FROM BOSTON, BEN JAMES, WALLY DAY, EDD
BERGIN, PERCY WAITE, FRANK WEINER. FROM WORCESTER, CLYDE ELLIOTT, SA

A sizeable chunk of pink granite, quarried in Connecticut, and cut by a member of the Norwalk Chapter, now stands in the heart of the City of Cleveland to mark the birthplace of our late commander, Major-General CLARENCE R. EDWARDS. A bronze tablet, set into the beveled top of the stone, proclaims to all who pause to read that near that spot was born a soldier who inspired his men and who was loved and respected by them. The symbol "YD", hewn into the face of the memorial, mutely, yet convincingly testifies that "Daddy" has not been forgotten.

Decision to mark General EDWARDS' birthplace was reached almost a year ago by the last national executive committee. It was thought then that the EDWARDS' homestead was still standing and it was planned to simply place a tablet on the front of the building. Investigation disclosed, however, that the house had been razed, along with many other buildings, to make way for Cleveland's beautiful new public Mall.

The writer of this article, as National President at that time, was named chairman of the Birthplace Memorial Committee. Negotiations were entered into with the government of the

GEN. EDWARDS IN CLEVELAND

IRKING BIRTHPLACE OF GENERAL EDWARDS IN CLEVELAND, OHIO.
HIS LEFT, NATE GOLDEN (WASH.). MRS. OTIS, SOMEWHAT TO MAJ. MALONEY'S
HOLMES, MARK KING, OKIE O'CONNOR, MAJ. BARRY, BARNEY GOLDEN, JOHNNY
SPENCER. FROM WASHINGTON, RAY QUEENIN. READERS WILL SPOT OTHERS.

City of Cleveland in order that the necessary authority could be secured for the placement of the memorial. Designs were submitted to this department and that, and we soon became ensnarled in red tape. Had we only known it, EARL HART, who answered "Here" on the rolls of Co. F, 102nd Infantry, is and has been executive secretary to Mayor Harold Burton of Cleveland. Fortunately, our National Executive Committeeman, JIM HURLEY of the New York Chapter, was handling the eastern publicity for the Great Lakes Exposition, which is another way of saying Cleveland's 100th birthday celebration. On his trips to Cleveland, JIM took the matter up with all and sundry and at just about the time we had abandoned hope of being able to dedicate the memorial during the American Legion National Convention, as originally planned, the authority to place the memorial on the exposition grounds on the Mall came through.

This gave your committee two weeks in which to have the memorial built, transported to Cleveland, and set up. JOE ROACH (C Co., 102nd Inf.) of Ridgefield, a staunch YD man, jumped into the breach, drove one hundred miles or more for a two-ton block of pink granite, brought it back

another one hundred miles to Ridgefield, only to have the stone split when cutting had almost been completed. Back to the quarry JOE drove for another stone. In the meantime, the tablet was being rushed by the Bradley & Hubbard Co., of Meriden, through the interest of another vet, C. O. Jude, former commander of the American Legion Post in Meriden. The day before we left for Cleveland, we delivered the tablet to ROACH.

Upon arriving in Cleveland, we made contact with Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Otis. Mrs. Otis is the last survivor of the General's immediate family and we have it on excellent authority she was his favorite sister. In either event, she is a dear, sweet soul. Whatever doubt there might have been as to the memorial finding a permanent home was dissipated when Mrs. Otis went into action. On the strength of Mrs. Otis' protestations, we were assured by Mayor Burton that, if necessary, the Cleveland Common Council would enact the legislation necessary to permanently locate the memorial in close proximity to the spot on which the homestead actually stood.

Efforts to secure a dedicatory speaker at first proved fruitless. Congressman CARROLL REECE (102nd Inf.) of Tennessee had to leave suddenly for Washington, as did U. S. Senator Bennett Clark of Missouri. The former governor of Indiana, Paul V. McNutt, a past national commander of the Legion, finally consented. We thought we were all set. And then it dawned upon us that the memorial had not arrived. Wires and telephone calls! It seems JOE had found the dimensions of the tablet different than those given on the founders' blueprint. A new recess had to be cut. And then JOE drove all day and all night to get the stone to us. Give the boy a hand!

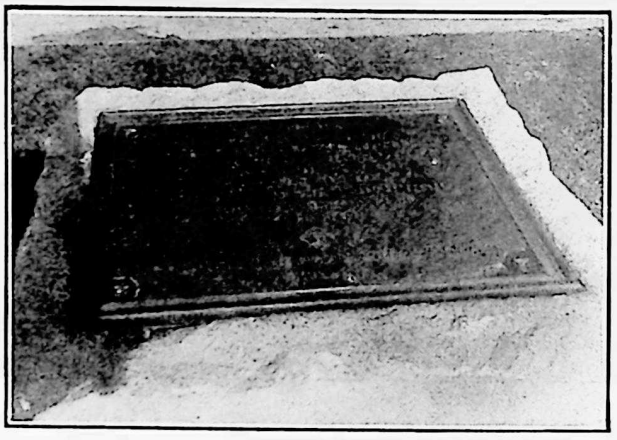
Good old GUY WATTS of Boston enters the picture about this time. He dug up FRANK MARR (the mainspring of the Boston Junior Drum and Bugle Corps). FRANK was there with the Boston Metropolitan Police and Firemen's Post Drum Corps and the corps agreed to participate in the dedicatory exercises.

Let us pause here to doff our beret to FRED FLAHAVAN (104th Inf.). FRED is commander-elect of Cleveland Post No. 2, of the Legion. He attached himself to us as liaison and saved us many steps. Watch FRED and EARL HART throw a YD Chapter together in Cleveland.

The dedicatory exercises got under way at 2:00 P. M. on Wednesday, with yours truly making the presentation. Mayor Burton accepted the memorial for the city and, in an eloquent tribute to "DADDY" EDWARDS, he proved himself a real friend of YD. H. E. Vargas, the commissioner of Parks and Public Property, spoke for his department and assured us that proper care would be taken of the memorial. William Rose represented the Great Lakes Exposition and EARL HART, the mayor's secretary, although taken unawares, did nobly. JOHN LEE of the Chicago Chapter, RAY QUEENIN and NATE GOLDEN of Washington, a couple of members of the Los Angeles Chapter whose names have slipped our memory, CLYDE ELLIOTT of Worcester, GUY WATTS and Past National President BEN JAMES were among those who took bows.

And now comes the funny part. Our dedicatory speaker evidently got tied up in one of the many Legion functions, for at 3:30 he had not appeared. And so your committee chairman not only made the presentation address but he had to pinch-hit for Governor McNutt and make the presentation. Mrs. Otis seemed well pleased with everything and, after all, that is all that counts.

The memorial stone is 30″ in length, 36″ high in front and 38″ high in back and is 24″ deep. The tablet reads:



"NEAR THIS SITE STOOD THE HOUSE
IN WHICH WAS BORN, ON JAN. 1, 1860,
MAJOR-GENERAL CLARENCE RANSOM EDWARDS,
D. S. M.
COMMANDING OFFICER DURING THE GREAT
WORLD WAR AND BELOVED "DADDY" OF
THE 26TH, YANKEE, DIVISION.
NO LEADER WAS MORE LOVED OR
MORE RESPECTED.
NO LEADER WAS A GREATER INSPIRATION
TO HIS MEN.
ERECTED BY THE
YANKEE DIVISION VETERANS ASSOCIATION
MCMXXXVI

—L. J. M.

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FRANK H. BENNETT, formerly of Hq. Co., 102nd Inf., died in Hartford, Connecticut, on September 5, 1936. The deceased was a member of the Hartford Chapter, Y. D. V. A., and his funeral services were attended by a large delegation from that Chapter.

Lieut. ALBERT J. O'NEIL, formerly of D Co., 101st Inf., died at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Chelsea, Mass., on Saturday, September 26. Funeral services were held from his home, 192 Newbury Avenue, North Quincy, on Wednesday, September 30, and Solemn High Mass was held in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Norfolk Downs. Burial was at Calvary Cemetery, West Roxbury. At the funeral services, a dirge was played by the YD Junior Bugle and Drum Corps, who also played taps at the grave in concert formation. The firing squad was furnished by the Carmen's Post, V. F. W., and delegations were present from the Edison Company and the Boston Elevated Railway as well as from the YD Club of Boston and YD Post 290, A. L. The deceased was a member of the YD Club of Boston. He leaves a widow, one daughter, and two sons.

WILLIAM M. DAVIS, formerly a Sergeant in the 102nd Field Hospital, died early in September. He was a resident of North Guilford, Connecticut, and had just joined the New Haven Chapter, Y. D. V. A. a few days prior to his death.

CHARLES F. FARNHAM died at the Chelsea Naval Hospital on Sunday, September 27. Military funeral services were held on Tuesday, September 29, from his home, 38 Moray Street, Lynn. Attended by members of the YD Club of Lynn and members of the American Legion and the V. F. W. of Lynn and Swampscott. The clipping sent to DOINGS with the above information does not give the organization in which Mr. FARNHAM served, but records of the Y. D. V. A. show a CHARLES S. FARNHAM who was a member in 1934 and who may be the same man and who was a member of Hq. Co., 103rd Inf.

National Commander RALPH W. ROBART, of the Army and Navy Legion of Valor, in endeavoring to locate YD men who hold the D. S. C., in order to interest them in joining the Legion of Valor, has discovered that nine, so far, are no longer living. Whether the death of these men has been mentioned in previous issues of YANKEE DOINGS, we are not certain, but the names and dates of death are as follows:

TIMOTHY AHEARN, C Co., 102nd Inf., January 20, 1925.

JAMES F. CARTY, K Co., 102nd Inf., November 28, 1929.

JAMES CONWAY, November 16, 1934.

CANDIDE DUMAIS, H. Co., 103rd Inf., March 9, 1920.

STEVE J. HARELIS, May 25, 1932.

JOHN J. KEARNEY, B Co., 102nd Inf., May 22, 1921.

JOHN KJELLBERG, Lt., 102nd Inf., November 21, 1921.

CARL S. LUND, B Co., 102nd Inf., March 13, 1919.

CHARLES MARINO, L Co., 104th Inf., July 21, 1918.

Although he never served in the Yankee Division, the death of Dan Shea deserves a mention in every Veterans' paper in the country. If we are not mistaken, Dan served with the Navy. Lying for years in Newington Hospital, with every muscle of his body paralized, and totally blind, he has been a living example to every complaining person in the United States by his cheerfulness throughout all this tragic suffering. Thousands of listeners have heard his voice on the "Cheerio" radio program for shut-ins. Dan's heroic soul was released from its prison on Tuesday, September 15, and on September 18 he was buried beside his mother in St. Jerome's Cemetery in Holyoke, Massachusetts, while the high and the low of the military world from all over New England paid a last tribute such as usually accorded only to some great military leader or general. Among the honorary pall bearers were two YD men, Lieut.-Col. J. WILLIAM CARROLL and JOSEPH CUNNINGHAM, both of Waterbury, Conn.

" SHORTS "

The Press of the Woolly Whale, of which the owner, manager, and entire force is MELBERT B. CARY (103rd F. A.), and whose chief claim to fame is the publication of that grand little brochure, "Mademoiselle from Armentieres", has taken to deep water and transported his cetacean bulk from East 45th Street to a new whalery at 475 Lexington Avenue, New York City, with Mademoiselle and presumably CARY also

making the trip like Jonah, with the whale for a taxicab.

HARRY W. BUGBEE of Highgate, Vermont, who shares the laurels with "FULLER P. NARD" as poet laureate of YANKEE DOINGS, has, we fear, swam beyond our ken, as we find in a clipping from the Burlington (Vt.) Free Press that he is now consorting with such poetical bigwigs as Robert Frost, recognized as one of the leading American poets. The occasion was the annual summer session of the Vermont Writers League, held in Newport last August, where HARRY's name appears among those reading their own verses before the assembly. Good work, HARRY, we hope you still have time to let YANKEE DOINGS have something now and then.

AL BECKETT (101st. Engrs.) is now, and had been for some time, representing the firm of Jones, McDuffee and Stratton, dealers in fine china and glassware. Newlyweds, look him up.

DEPARTMENT AND CHAPTER NEWS

If an account of *your* Chapter's activities does not appear in these pages, blame yourself. YANKEE DOINGS has no A. P. or U. P. franchise. It has no staff of professional reporters. It has to depend on volunteer correspondents. And if they fall down or don't function, how—we ask in all seriousness—is DOINGS going to be able to print the news?

We print what we hear about, but some seem to feel an editor should be blessed with omniscience and know, like a clairvoyant, just what is taking place in fifty different places.

Don't write in, bawling us out, if the name of your town is missing. For months—yes, years—we've tried to cover up the Chapters which seldom or never send in news, saying they're going along fine and having swell meetings. But this month, if a Chapter hasn't let us know, they're just not here, that's all.

DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

STATE MEETING

An all-Maine get-together, combined with a meeting of the National Executive Committee and the Portland National Convention Committee, is to be held in Portland on October 24, too late to "make" this issue.

State Vice-President ELTON P. WALKER writes that he is still working hard to get the new Bangor Chapter really organized and a date set for presenting the Charter and installing the officers. He has also approached men in other parts of Maine, especially at some of the Border stations, to interest them in forming a Chapter.

NO NEWS RECEIVED FROM

BANGOR
LEWISTON

Let's hear from ya!

PORTLAND

The writer wishes to express his deep gratitude to the members of the Club for the many kind things done for him while his wife was in the hospital. And to the members of the Auxiliary, orchids and many of them. When one's loved ones are ill, the worth of our wonderful women folks are made manifest in many ways.

Those of us that were privileged to hear Mrs. Alvah R. Dillenbeck the other night will agree that we have a singer of rare ability. Alvah is one of our hard workers.

Where were all the New Hampshire members of F Co., 103rd Inf., at the last convention? Did not see but two or three from my old outfit.

With all the men in Maine who could be classed as important, we cannot understand why they are so indifferent to YD affairs. They will pose for newspaper photographs, but they won't do any thing else.

The yapping of Lloyd George about General Pershing reminds us of the cur dog who was taken in, fed and otherwise taken care of, turned and bit the hand of its benefactor.

By the time you read this, we will be in our new hall, located at 9 Free Street. BILL SPEAR, FRANK HARNISH, EDMUND SUTTON, ROY WATERMAN are doing a wonderful job of work in getting the place ready. BILL is quite a carpenter, even though he did hit the wrong nail.

We heard that our President and his bodyguard was in Boston the other day. We also heard that they saw the picture "Ecstacy". We wanted to see it too.

All of those who were on Sick Report are back to work with the exception of McGuire, who is still in Togus. Erickson got disgusted at Tyler's success, flirting with the pretty nurses, and came home from the hospital ahead of time. (We noticed that Mrs. Tyler spent most of her spare time there.) How anyone could love a First Sergeant is beyond us.

Col. Drake pulled a surprise on us the other night when he came in with Col. Hume. We were all glad to see him and the Col. gave us one of his celebrated curtain lectures, which was full of wisdom and good advice. He and Col. Drake take more interest in YD affairs than all the rest of the officers put together. I wonder why.

Perhaps the most surprised man in our Club was Ronald Ferguson, when he got a letter from the War Department saying that he was cited for the Silver Star during the war. When it came, one of Saul Bloom's medals was sent with it. Eighteen years is a long time to wait.

Here is one: Leon Hall and Merrill Gamage, working at the Delano Mill Co., Portland, have as a co-worker a man who served in the German Army during the war.

If you are in Portland on Tuesday or Friday night, be sure and come to our parties at the Pythian Temple on Cumberland Ave. And let us know who you are. Remember that we meet on Thursday night. It is up to you if you want to get acquainted. We are not mind-readers.

—"Minnie LaTour".

DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

NO NEWS FROM

DEPARTMENT VICE-PRESIDENT
CONCORD
MANCHESTER
NASHUA

Whats'a matter up there!

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KEENE

Total Membership is fifty-eight for Keene Chapter, now tied for the largest in the state!

Comrade John M. Hadley has secured fourteen of the above members, most of the fourteen being new members who have never belonged before. "Jake" Hadley is a hustler for the YD and has spent plenty of time chasing up and locating prospects—many times, to secure an applicant's signature, several trips have been necessary. These trips have been made cheerfully and faithfully, with the natural result of success for his efforts.

As Secretary, I am in a position to know that "Jake" still has several more nearly ready to sign up.

Give the Comrade a good word in YANKEE DOINGS, and oblige,

—Keene Chapter, Y. D. V. A.

DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT

RUTLAND

National Officers' Annual Visit and big goings-on, Tuesday, November 5. No other news received, except that regular meetings commenced again on September 17.

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BELLOWS FALLS

For just about a year, we have been hearing about a prospective Chapter in Bellows Falls, Vermont, but it looks at last as if it might become a reality. Frederick T. Stone (B Co., 102nd M. G. Bn.), who has recently moved into Bellows Falls from the town of Saxtons River, is very eager to get something started, and Lea Redfield, the National Treasurer, plans to confer with him on Sunday, October 18, during a trip he is making up into that territory.

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

MASSACHUSETTS MEMBERS

How many have attended one or more of the state-wide get-togethers on the first Sunday afternoon of the month? If you haven't, you don't know what you're missing.

State Departments are forbidden by the Constitution to levy any dues. The "feed" put on each month by the host chapter is paid for by passing the hat. There isn't much other expense, but there is a little. So it was decided at Salem, at the September meeting, to ask each Massachusetts Chapter to kick in a nickel apiece for each of its own members to support the Department.

Send the money to Dep't. Treas. Thomas F. Crokan, 14 Hollywood St., Springfield, Mass. Take it up at your Chapter Meeting and get an appropriation made. In most cases, it won't be more than $2.00 or $3.00 per Chapter. Of course, Worcester, Lynn and Lowell will run to $6.00 or $7.00 apiece, and Boston for around $20.00 or more.

First honors go to Springfield (State Treasurer Crokan's own Chapter) for coming through with its full quota!

Better get the habit of attending these meetings; they're swell times, and you'll meet fella's from all over the state.

So far they have been held as follows: April, Worcester; May, Lynn; June, Holyoke; July, no meeting; August, Springfield; September, Salem; October, Milford. The November meeting, on November 1, will be in Fitchburg; and it has been tentatively decided to meet on December 6 in Boston. Lowell and Brockton are also getting steamed up for a date to act as host. And there are still Lawrence, Clinton, New Bedford, Webster, Marlboro, and Northampton. Even Plymouth and Attleboro, if they want to get back in the running. Come to Fitchburg or Boston and get your bid in. It will help your own Chapter wonderfully to play host to a state meeting.

—A. R. DOUCETTE,
Pres., Dep't. of Mass.

E. J. NOYES
Secretary

OCTOBER STATE MEETING
Milford, Mass., October 4

Due to the unavoidable delay in the arrival of the State President, the meeting was called to order by the Secretary, in the absence of the Vice-President, JOHNSON of Springfield.

The meeting opened with the usual ceremonies, and on roll-call of Chapters, fifty-seven members were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Secretary, acting as President and, with no errors or omissions, were declared approved. EARL NORLIN of the National Headquarters Staff acted the role of Secretary and was of valuable assistance.

The report of the Treasurer was read and accepted as progressive. DUE TO THE FACT THAT NO MONEY HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE LOCAL CHAPTERS, the Bills for administration, as read, were temporarily held.

Invitation to the Installation of Marlborough Chapter, on October 7, was read.

Report of the Uniform Committee was made by NAPOLEON LEBLANC of Salem Chapter, as Chairman, which recommended the adoption of the New Bedford Chapter Uniform for the Massachusetts Department.

Considerable discussion then arose among the attending members and the Acting President noted he would entertain a Motion to accept or reject the Report of the Uniform Committee.

Motion was made and seconded that the report of the committee be accepted. Discussion was then in order and resulted in many and varied expressions from members of different Chapters.

APPLEBY (BOS.) talked at some length on the recommendation and announced that the Boston Chapter is against the buying of State Department Uniforms. DRESNER (N.BED) advised the purchase of good material in any uniform. A member of Salem Chapter stated that Lynn had made no decision and he personally preferred a variety of uniforms. SULLIVAN (LYNN) reminded that at the Portland Convention the Beret was adopted as official headgear. MALEY (SPFLD) suggested that each Chapter shall have its own uniform and, after other suggestions, the Question was called for. MERRITT (LYNN) asked permission of the seconder and maker of previous motion to substitute; permission given and a Motion was made and seconded that the report be accepted and the recommendation be tabled. It was so voted.

On arrival of Dept. President DOUCETTE (LYNN), NOYES (WOR.) relinquished the Chair and took over as Secretary.

There were no other Committees to report.

National Service Officer PARENT reported on Hospital Work, urging the cooperation of the Chapter Service Officers, as well as the other officers of the Chapters, in assisting the Chapter members in their ailments, etc.

Treasurer CROKAN (SPFLD) made a plea for the assessments authorized by the Department for Administrative Bills which were read earlier in the meeting.

Motion made and seconded that the Treasurer be empowered to pay the bills on receipt of money from Chapters. So voted.

Sergeant - at - Arms O'CONNOR (NPTN) reported that the officers of the Chapter were elected and that the National and State Officials would be notified of the date for installation.

An amendment was offered by CROKAN (SPFLD) in the form of a motion "that the Massachusetts Department have a formal installation of the Department Officers". It was seconded and so voted. The notice of this amendment given at this meeting is to be included in the notice to Chapters from the Department Secretary.

SULLIVAN (LYNN) made a motion that the Ritual for Closing of the Meeting, as used by Lynn Chapter, be adopted by this Department and used at all future meetings. Seconded and so voted.

The next meeting place announced as Fitchburg, on Sunday, November 1. Place to be announced by Fitchburg Chapter later.

Reading of announcements: YD affairs in localities where Chapters exist.

Final Roll Call showed seventy-two members present, in this distribution: Attleboro, none; Boston, four; Brockton, one; Clinton, none; Fitchburg, five; Holyoke, none; Lawrence, none; Lowell, none; Lynn, twelve; Marlborough, four; Milford, twenty; New Bedford, five; Northampton, one; Plymouth, none; Salem, six; Springfield, seven; Webster, none; Worcester, seven; at-large, none; out-of-state, none.

This was Brockton's first appearance, also New Bedford's first since last April.

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 P. M.

Luncheon was served in true Italian style, with all the fixings. The chefs were DOMINIC GUADAGNOLI, WILLIAM CAVAZZA and MICHAEL ANGELO HACHEY. President ERNEST O'BRIEN and all his lads are to be highly complimented. FITCHBURG - NEXT MEETING - NOV. 1

NO NEWS RECEIVED FROM

CLINTON
FITCHBURG
HOLYOKE
LAWRENCE
LOWELL
MILFORD (except as host to State Meeting)
NEW BEDFORD
NORTHAMPTON
SALEM
WEBSTER-DUDLEY

Have you all got writer's cramp?

BOSTON

The BIG day in the social year of the YD Club of Boston is almost here again — the big and colorful Annual Military Ball, which, as in the past three years, is to be held on the first Friday in December, at the Copley-Plaza Hotel. The date this year is December 4 and, once again, AL BARNARD, the man who has made such a success of this Ball every year, has consented to take the Chairmanship and has already gone into action.

To those who have attended these functions in the past, no need to tell how colorful, gay and enjoyable they always are. Make up your parties and plan to be there.

Following is the list of committee heads, and meetings are to be held every Tuesday from now until the Ball.

Honorary Chairman, General CHARLES H. COLE; Chairman, ALBERT W. BARNARD; Vice-Chairman, BENJAMIN JAMES; Secretary, JOSEPH J. GALLIGAN; Treasurer, KENNETH POULTON; Boxes, BEN JAMES, Chairman, Dr. RICHARD MILLER, RALPH M. EASTMAN; Music, ALBERT W. BARNARD; Publicity, MICHAEL J. MOONEY; Decorations, A. J. HALFENSTINE; Exhibition, Dr. HAROLD W. CROWELL, FRANK MARR, FRED T. O'NEILL; Tickets, ROBERT DUNCAN, JR.; National Guard and Reserve Officers, Gen. JOHN AGNEW, Capt. TIMOTHY J. MULCAHEY; Ladies, Mrs. DANIEL J. KENNEY.

General Committee: PHILIP N. SANBORN, AUSTIN F. APPLEBY, LESLIE PERRY, FRED T. WILSON, FRED L. JACKSON, EDWARD J. MCCORMACK, JOHN F. COLLINS, RENY GODUTI, WILLIAM P. RILEY, ALBERT G. THOMSON, EDWARD J. SLATTERY, JOHN REGAN, JAMES S. A. CHRISTIE, WAYLAND M. MINOT, EDWIN PURDY, H. GUY WATTS, GEORGE WILLIAM BENTLEY, JR., Col. WILLIAM J. BLAKE, WILLIAM F. LAWLOR, HARRY A. BROWN, DAVID F. CAMPBELL, Col. HORACE Z. LANDON, ANTHONY J. ROCK, WILLIAM J. BROWN, A. J. FURDON, JAMES C. BARRY, Maj. PAUL H. HINES, JOHN W. HOLDEN, Capt. HAROLD J. SMITH, Dr. EDWARD B. SHEEHAN, JOHN H. STUART, JOSEPH N. BRACKETT, MICHAEL J. MCLAUGHLIN, WALLACE C. DAY, ROLAND AVERY, ELMER J. CASEY, JOHN E. WHELAN.

Non-Resident Cooperating Committee: National Officers of Y. D. V. A., Officers, Department of Massachusetts, Y. D. V. A., Presidents of Massachusetts Chapters, Y. D. V. A.

BROCKTON

The Costume-Cabaret, which the Brockton Chapter planned to hold on Hallowe'en, as in previous years, has been unavoidably postponed. The club quarters are being torn down by the city and until further plans are made for new quarters, no definite date can be given.

LYNN

ARMISTICE BANQUET

On November 10, at 6:30 P. M., the Lynn YD Chapter will hold its 18th Annual Armistice Banquet at the Happy Valley Golf Club in East Lynn. It is expected to be the gala occasion for Lynn on the celebration of Armistice Day and we know it will be bigger and better than ever. Last year, over two hundred and fifty YD men and their wives and sweethearts attended, and we hope to double that figure this year. ROYAL THOMAS will again head the committee and also act as toastmaster at the banquet. He is ably assisted by the following committee: ROY KNOX, WALTER SMITH, EDWARD SAULNIER, GUSTAVE JOHNSON, JOSEPH TRIMBLE, Pres. JOHN SULLIVAN, GEORGE CURLEY, CLAUDE HOAG, MICHAEL

GAROFANO, ROBERT NEWMAN, RAY DOUCETTE, HOLMAN STANCHFIELD and JAMES CONNOLLY.

Many features have been planned and all YD Chapter members are invited to attend. Tickets $1.50 per plate. Remember—bring the wife or sweetheart and come down to Lynn and get acquainted. You will never regret it. Something doing from 6:30 P. M. to 1:00 A. M. Write to RAY DOUCETTE, 1 Everett Street, Lynn, for reservations.

On September 29, Lynn Chapter held its "Hannonville Nite", which went over with a bang, and our guest speaker, ROYAL K. HAYES, did a masterful job. What an orator, boys—so good we want him for our Armistice speaker at the banquet. A real YD man, our Americanization Officer. Plenty of pep, vim and vigor, which is what most of us YD men need to help build up Y. D. V. A. Thanks a lot ROYAL, hope to see you November 10. Do not fail us. Over one hundred YD men were present and gave ROYAL a real reception.

On October 29, the Club is holding "Marcheville Nite" and all YD Chapters are invited.

On the sick list and confined to Hospitals are: LARRY DEANGELIS (101st F. A., Bat. E) at Chelsea Soldiers' Home Hospital; MATHEW "DUKE" CARROLL (101st F. A., Bat. E) at Bedford Hospital; EDWIN STREETER (104th Inf.) at home, 77 Fays Avenue, Lynn, Mass.

Drop them a line or letter and cheer them up.

—"MUSSOLINI".

MARLBORO

We held our first regular meeting last Wednesday, October 7. We were presented our Charter by the National President, ALBERT W. HERMAN. Forty-four members took the obligation, and the following officers of the Marlboro Chapter were sworn in by the National President: President, HARRY E. SHERMAN; Vice-President, MICHAEL CAVANAUGH; Secretary, ALPHONSE LESSARD; Treasurer, LOUIS LACROIX; Sergeant-at-Arms, JAMES H. WALL; Historian, DAVID ST. LAURENT; Trustees, LEONARD DOMINGUE, JOHN SHANAHAN and HENRY LANGEVIN; Chaplain, MILFORD HAMELIN.

Several out-of-town officers were present, including our State President, RAYMOND DOUCETTE, and our National Service Officer, ERNEST C. PARENT. We had several invited guests, including the mayor of the city of Marlboro, Charles A. Lyons; our state representative, John A. Manning, and all the various commanders of military organizations of this city. All these above guests spoke well for the organization; but the best speech of all was delivered by ex-Mayor Charles McCarthy, who was mayor of the city of Marlboro at the time the 26th Division came home from France.

After the meeting, refreshments were served, including sandwiches, coffee, doughnuts and kegs of beer. A couple of YD emblems for automobile radiators were raffled off by Comrade ERNEST C. PARENT. I was fortunate enough to win one of them. There wasn't much business transacted at this meeting. A motion was made that the regular order of business be dispensed with. Motion made and seconded that this Chapter be kept open until all eligible members have a chance to get in. Motion made and seconded that the dues question be left on the table until the next meeting.

—A. LESSARD,
Secretary.

SPRINGFIELD

The regular meetings of Springfield Chapter are held on the first and third Mondays of each month.

In addition to these two regular meetings for October, a social meeting and smoker has been planned for Monday, October 26. This is to be a stag party, with all sorts of entertainment, eats and drinks, with some motion pictures you'll never see at any movie theatre. HENRY ROUX is Chairman.

Space must be given our ladies' auxiliary for the splendid job they did during the Legion State Convention. They did everything possible to entertain the out-of-town YD veterans. Members on this committee were: Mrs. Martindale, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Lowe, Mrs. Chapman and Mrs. Spybey. The men's committee consisted of JACK LOWE, ROSWELL PATCH, TOM SPYBEY, ANDY BIRNIE and President JIM ARMESON.

Plans have been made to visit the veterans hospitals at Rutland, and Leeds, during the next month; also to help Holyoke dedicate the new veterans quarters, where a big parade is being planned with General SLATE to be chief marshal.

This Club is more active and has more things slated for the coming winter than for many years past.

—TOM CROKAN.

WORCESTER

Installation of Officers for the year 1936-37 was held, Thursday, October 8, 1936, in the American Legion Rooms, 58 Front Street, Worcester, at 8 P. M.

The officers were installed by the National President, ALBERT W. HERMANS of Norwalk, Conn., assisted by Mass. Dep't. President A.

RAYMOND DOUCETTE of Lynn, and other National and State Officers.

The following were installed: ALPHONSO RAND, President; MICHAEL EARLY, Senior Vice-President; HARRY BLOCK, Junior Vice-President; WILLIAM F. MURPHY, Treasurer; ERNEST C. PARENT, Chaplain; Trustees, THOMAS H. McCARTHY, three years; SAM SPENCER, two years; RAYMOND J. ROSSEEL, one year. Executive Committee, ERNEST LALONE, WALTER KANZ, MATHEW LEARY, RAYMOND MANSFIELD, GEORGE R. ELLIOTT, JOSEPH MAYNARD, HERBERT BUSS, FRANCIS SAVAGE and CHARLES WEBSTER.

Attending were John J. Corliss, U. S. W. V.; Arthur Ringer, commander of Worcester Jewish-American Veterans; Joseph A. Moreau, commander of Disabled American Veterans of the World War, Worcester Chapter 4; Frederick Gee, Canadian Legion, Post 38; James J. Wrightson, commander Co. G, 101st Infantry Veterans' Association; Ernest Arseneault, commander Milford YD Club; Gabriele DiCosmo, commander Italian - American Veterans, and HARRY SHERMAN, commander Marlboro YD Club.

Entertainment and refreshments followed.

AL HERMAN did a swell job and with all the dignitaries present sure made them sit up and take notice with his usual vigor. It seemed a marvelous example of YD Spirit when we learned that AL drove to Marlboro the night before, with BARNEY CLARKE, and then back to Norwalk for a day's work . . . . then returned to Worcester on Thursday, and back the same night. WOW!!

As a reward (partial), he was presented with something which TED NOYES said in his presentation speech certainly bespoke the needs of one AL HERMAN. A fellow his size and with his Spirit burns up a lot of energy and takes lots of LIQUID refreshments to keep going. The gift was a full pint Cognac Frappe Glass bearing a hand-painted blue and gold "YD", with the words "National President, 1936-37" on it. NOYES must be on the wagon to accomplish such hand-work without the "Jitters".

RAY DOUCETTE, Dept. President; HARRY SHERMAN, President, Marlboro Chapter; representatives from Milford and Webster Chapters, as well as the other veterans organizations, listened to the new President, ALPHONSO RAND, outline what the program for the Worcester Chapter would be this year.

JAMES WRIGHTSON (G Co., 101st Inf) made his "Virgin" speech as Commander of the G Company Veterans. NELSON BREWER (also 101st M. P.'s) was in complimentary mood (but told better stories AFTER the meeting). Even JOE TIVNAN (G Co., 101st Inf.) decided to join the fold and payed his dues in Y. D. V. A.

Many activities will be undertaken this Fall and Winter. A list of this will appear in another issue.

While Worcester Chapter has offered the Cup for greatest increase in membership to any Chapter in existence at the time of the Worcester Convention, a membership drive will be conducted without thought of taking ALL the honors.

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

NO NEWS RECEIVED FROM

BRIDGEPORT
HARTFORD (except a lot of new members, which is the best kind of news)
MANCHESTER
MERIDEN
NEW BRITAIN
NEW MILFORD
STAMFORD (except a lot of new members!)
TERRYVILLE
VALLEY
WILLIMANTIC

Gosh a'mighty, fellas, this is awful! Every one of these Chapters has been going places and doing things. But not one of them has given a thought to dropping a line to DOINGS . Raise h—— about it at the next meeting and find out who's to blame. Appoint a correspondent who'll percolate.

BRISTOL

The only news from Bristol is in the nature of a clipping which says that plans are being made for an Armistice night banquet.

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NEW HAVEN

On Thursday evening, October 8, New Haven Chapter held a meeting in the Goffe Street Armory, Goffe Street, to do honor to the following members of the Association, whose activities in behalf of veterans' organizations have been awarded by election to the highest posts within their groups. ALBERT HERMAN, National President of Y. D. V. A.; Past National President LEONARD J. MALONEY, Past National Vice-President BARNEY CLARKE, CHARLES M. GARDNER, District President, Y. D. V. A. Charles E. Lockhart, past commander, Harold Hemmingway Post, V. F. W.; Arthur M. Hubbard, com-

mander Chapter No. 2, D. A. V.; Leslie J. Reynolds, commander Corcoran - Sundquist Post, American Legion, Branford; Anthony J. Caruso, commander Harry R. Bartlett Post, American Legion, East Haven; IRVING DORMAN, commander YD Post 130, American Legion; Raymond M. Eckles, commander Hamden Post, American Legion; Clark N. Howlett, commander Orange Post, American Legion; Lester Bigelow, past commander, Westville Post No. 39, American Legion, and HENRY S. RUDOLPH, commander-elect, YD Post 130, American Legion.

President FRANK P. LEE presented certificates of honorary membership to the following men: WALTER S. GARDE, ROGER P. JONES, DAVID J. LEACH, and ALBERT CAROCCI. These honorary memberships in the Chapter were granted prior to the new regulations prohibiting any Chapter to grant honorary membership, and thus the occasion was doubly significant as these men are the last who will receive this honor.

A committee was appointed to find ways and means to secure funds to pay our assessment for the EDWARDS Memorial in Cleveland. The boys are showing great spirit and we look forward to our finest year. Our TIM AHEARN Memorial will not be ready for unveiling on Armistice Day, as the Art Commission ordered changes in the statue and the mould must be recast.

—A. J. F.

MIDDLETOWN

GEORGE BOOTHROYD was elected President of the Colonel John H. Parker Chapter, YD Veterans Association, at a meeting Friday night. Other officers were elected as follows: Vice-President, ALBERT CALHOUN; Secretary, J. C. KOLINSKY; Treasurer, ARTHUR DICKERSON; Sergeant-at-Arms, OSCAR PETERSON; Trustees, one year, CLAUDE I. BLENUS; two years, JOSEPH KLICK; three years, EDWARD MCDONALD. DICKERSON, KLICK and BLENUS comprised the nominating committee.

KOLINSKY was elected chairman of a committee to promote the recent proposal to name the new Middletown-Portland bridge after the late General EDWARDS, war-time commander of the 26th Division. Others on the committee are: BLENUS, KLICK, MAURICE GRIFFIN of Essex, WILLIAM STARK of Chester and JOSEPH LAWTON.

NORWALK

The biggest event so far for the members of our Chapter was a lively meeting, held on Friday, September 25, in the V. F. W. rooms in Norwalk, with the grand slam of seventy-two percent of our members present. Our Ladies shunted us into another room for this meeting and kept us in the dark as to their own plans for the night; so, like good YD men, we went on with our business of the Chapter.

What with WINTHROP SMITH, JIMMIE CAPALDI, BILL MOELLES and many of the boys present from the Fitch Home, the visitors from Bethel, Danbury and Stamford, we sure did have one fine, bang-up meeting. At the clam-bake, held a while ago, our Chapter made over fifty dollars, so that will go to pay for items that our Chapter must attend to in the way of rent, etc.

What did our boys do with their bonus? Well, one of our boys bought a home with plenty of land around it, and donated enough ground to place a flag-pole thereon; another gave a beautiful stone marker to be placed at the foot of the pole in memory of "Daddy" EDWARDS. Not bad, is it? Another used part of his bonus to go to Cleveland and place a marker at the foot of the shaft on the Mall which tells the whole world that our General EDWARDS was born in Cleveland.

Our finance officer reports a fine background for our Chapter, while our service officer gave a mighty fine report of his work, which was appreciated by all present. National President HERMAN reported on the last meeting he attended in Boston, and informed us that each chapter will be asked to appoint a chairman to work up interest in the organization of our YD Juniors.

Twenty of our members attended the funeral of the late HOWARD FLOOD, who died lately and was buried from the Fitch Home. Howard was one of the past County Commanders of the Fairfield County, V. F. W. Council, a real pal to all vets, was loved by all who knew him for his untiring work in veteran interests. Our old pal, BARNEY CLARKE paid us a surprise visit and was warmly greeted by all, and he told us the reason why he did not answer the many letters he received while in Florida was that he had met with an automobile accident. However, Barney looked fine and wishes to be remembered to all of his pals.

Now the time has come to tell about the surprise that our Ladies had for us, and that was a birthday party. Some party we had, with all the fixings, and the writer wishes at this time to congratulate our Ladies for the wonderful manner in which they carried out their program. Mrs. William Whitney, on behalf of the Ladies, presented Mrs. A. Herman with a present, as the first President our Auxiliary had since their first day as our unit.

It was announced that during the winter we will have a coon supper, and also that we are to be entertained by a young artist in ballet, tap, and soft-shoe dancing, who will be under the guidance of our entertainment committee. Membership is coming along nicely. The traveling gavel, we hope, will stay in Norwalk, while we go around the State and help others to stimulate interest in our old YD. A lot of our members are complaining about the issue of our YANKEE DOINGS, and they feel that at least it should be out, by the latest, on or about the fifteenth of each month. What seems to be the matter?

—W. P. A.

September Number was delayed by the Editor's annual vacation, which ended September 8.

October (this) Number is late because of illness. For two weeks, your Editor was wholly unable to use his right hand, and is still unable to use a typewriter.

It takes fifteen days to compose, proofread, make-up, print, bind, deliver, address, wrap, mail and receive YANKEE DOINGS.

—EDITOR.

WALLINGFORD

This news is pretty old.

The first regular meeting for the month of August was held on the evening of August 18, President WILLIAM M. LORING presiding, and ten members present.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved and the following business was transacted.

Reports of Committees. The report of the Treasurer was read and accepted:

Received from dues	$18.00	
Cash in Bank	59.85	
Total		$77.85

Expenses reported were as follows:

Y. D. V. A. Dues	$20.00
Charter Frame	1.00
Luncheons	14.03
Headquarters	
Convention	12.00
Post Cards	2.00
Bal., Aug. 18, 1936	28.82
Total	$77.85

Motion made and seconded that the Wallingford Chapter send a check to Major MALONEY for the sum of four dollars, as donation to the expenses of the YD Drum Corps of New Haven.

Eight members agreed to attend the YD Day at Niantic. Secretary BOSSIDY was requested to communicate with National Treasurer REDFIELD in regards to procuring a gavel.

Moved, seconded, and passed that the Chapter accept and place on file a communication from the Geo. Dilboy Fund. Meeting recessed at 9:50 P. M. to allow the members to listen in on the fight and while doing so to enjoy a lunch and other refreshments.

No further business; it was voted to adjourn at 11:15 P. M.

—F. W. BOSSIDY,
Secretary.

WATERBURY

On Sunday, September 27, Waterbury Chapter held an outing at Lakewood, Connecticut, with delegations present from nearly every chapter in Connecticut, as well as JIM HURLEY representing New York City. An automobile accident prevented the attendance of National President AL HERMAN and also the acting president of New York Chapter, BEN PITMAN, who was traveling in the car with AL.

Two of Connecticut's three Congressmen addressed the meeting, namely Hon. J. Joseph Smith, and Hon. William L. Citron. Other speakers in addition to JIM HURLEY were THOMAS P. KELLEY, executive secretary to the mayor of Waterbury, and JOSEPH T. CUNNINGHAM, Chairman of the outing Committee. Past National President LEN MALONEY also addressed the meeting, which was attended by nearly all of the Waterbury members, as well as a large delegation of their ladies' auxiliary.

A varied program of entertainment was enjoyed, including many outdoor games.

The Chapter has started a YD Junior Drum Corps; also a Drill Team of twenty-five members in uniform, who are expected to perfect a series of maneuvers which will be executed without verbal command.

Starting Wednesday, October 14, a series of weekly parties will be held to raise funds to buy ten acres of land at Woodbury, Conn., for a summer camp for under-privileged children. A Big Brother movement for youngsters who get out of line with the law and need a little help has been started.

Major MIKE GALLULO, a YD man and local lawyer, was elected commander of Waterbury

American Legion Post, and TOM KELLEY, D.S.C., (G Co., 102nd Inf.) was elected Junior Vice-Commander. KELLEY is Executive Secretary to Mayor Hayes. JOSEPH MEYER, another YD man, was elected Senior Vice-Commander of the V. F. W. Post and all the boys of this chapter will turn out in uniform when these men take office.

The Chapter has a great auxiliary and Mrs. Walter Bolen, does a grand job as president. She worked all day at our outing at Lakewood, handled all the money, paid all the bills and, like the banker she is, has everything down to the penny.

—J. J. C.

WINSTED

The following is a list of officers of Winsted Chapter, Y.D. V. A., elected September 9. President, SAMUEL TUBIN; Senior Vice-President, JAMES WILLIAMS; Junior Vice-President, JAMES B. MORGAN; Chaplain, ADAM KANIECKY; Treasurer, HARRY SIMMONS; Secretary, W. C. WATERHOUSE; Sergeant-at-Arms, ANTHONY TELESCA; Guard, RUSSELL COOK.

We expect to hold our installation the second Sunday in November at a State Meeting to be held at Odd Fellows Hall, Winsted. Planning on a big time.

—W. C. WATERHOUSE.

DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED STATES

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NEW YORK CITY CHAPTER
NEW JERSEY CHAPTER

CHICAGO

After a summer of inactivity due to vacation absences, the YD Club of Chicago got down to business with a vengeance at its September 15 meeting. Plans were laid for a record-breaking season of activities, and to round up a lot of new members.

Aid is to be given to the GEORGE DILBOY Memorial by a midnight benefit show at one of the leading theaters, according to plans outlined by ALLEN USHER (Bty. A, 103rd F. A.) chairman of the committee. He is working out the program with Costos Mellas, president of the Dilboy Memorial Foundation, raising funds to erect a memorial to the famous Yankee Division hero at Hines Hospital here. The ground has been set aside by the Government and President Mellas is raising money chiefly among the Greeks. The show was tentatively set for Saturday, January 16.

Our annual reunion banquet is to be held Saturday, November 7, if proper arrangements can be made for this night. THOMAS SHEPPARD (102nd M. G. Bat.), former president of the Chicago Club, was named chairman of the banquet committee.

President JOHN J. LEE (Co. A, 103rd Inf.) appointed a committee to establish a permanent meeting place. The September meeting was held at the Civil Service Post of the American Legion. A majority of the meetings in the past three years have been held at the Illinois Athletic Club. Other accommodations are being investigated.

WALTER D. CROWELL (M. G. Co., 101st Inf.), one of the founders of the Chicago Club, reported on his new duties as National Vice-President of the Y. D. V. A. for the United States outside of New England and gave us the highlights of the Convention at Worcester.

MAURICE P. HEALY (Company A, 103rd Inf.) recently moved to Chicago, showed up as a prospective member. His appearance was inspiration to J. H. MCCANN (Co. D, 101st Engrs.), chairman of the membership committee, to call his gang together and form plans for an ambitious membership drive. They will not stop with HEALY, they say, but will track down many of the two hundred or more YD men in the Chicago area. There were many replacements in the Division from this city, as well as many moving here since the war.

An invitation to attend the YD Reunion at the Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Denver was read from PETE VETTER (Batt. C, 101st F. A.). Comrade VETTER was chairman of the committee. Our club wired its felicitations and best wishes to the boys at the reunion.

This was one of the best meetings we have enjoyed in some time. Sixteen turned out, all primed for argument, and some well-oiled oratory lasting far into the evening was heard. Those not previously mentioned were as follows:

E. V. CLUTTERHAM and CARL F. GERSTNER (Co. A, 102nd Inf.); PERRY CRAFTON (M. G. Co., 101st Inf), FRANK J. MERLAK (Co. E, 103rd Inf.), E. E. ADAMSON (Co. C, 104th Inf.), W. A. BRADY (101st Signal), and the following from the 102nd Infantry: FRANCIS FOLEY (Co. F), E. D. O'CONNELL (Co. L), CLYDE E. HERROLD (Co. C), and the writer, C. A. BUSH (Bat. C, 101st F. A.).

—C. A. B.

LOS ANGELES

The YD Club of Southern California resumed activity after the summer recess with regular meetings on September 2nd and 16th.

The Annual Basket Picnic for YD men, their families and friends, was held on Sunday, September 13, at Centinela Park, Inglewood, about twenty kilometers from Los Angeles. The attendance was smaller than in former years, but those present had a good time dining and reunioning and enjoying the program of races.

Plenty of ice cream, coffee, and a keg of beer were provided by the Club, as well as prizes for the sports events.

Following is the list of YD men who attended: J. J. McCarthy (101st F.A.), F. E. Wall (102nd Amb. Co.), Warren S. Jaques (Battery A, (102nd F. A.), Frank W. Zink (Co. K, 104th Inf.), A. Americanian (Co. F, 103rd Inf.), John H. Madigan (H Co., 102nd Inf.), A. J. Bradley (A Co., 104th Inf.), Ernest P. Couture (A Co., 104th Inf.), Charles G. Olsen (G Co., 104th Inf.), Joseph C. Polito (B Co., 104th Inf.), Walter J. Studley (K Co., 101st Inf.), Guy P. Edgar (Batt. D, 103rd F. A.), E. E. Brehm (104th Amb. Co.), L. E. Danforth (Hdqts. Det., 51st F. A. Brig.), E. A. Dresser (D Co., 102nd Inf.), Lewis A. Nye (D Co., 102nd Inf.), John Farquhar (101st Inf.), Andrew Bazar (Co. D, 104th Inf.), Al Greenleaf (Hdqts.Co., 101st F. A.), John J. Herman (Co. B, 101st Inf.), George K. Mitchell (104th Amb. Co.), Archie E. Farr (A Co., 104th Inf.), Ralph W. McDonald (M Co., 104th Inf.), W. F. Collins (M Co., 101st Inf.) John D. Hardy (E Co., 104th Inf.), H. M. McLaughlin (G Co., 102nd Inf.), J. J. Scannell (D Co., 103rd M. G. B'n.).

We were all glad to welcome Ernie Couture back to this Chapter again after losing him to the Worcester Chapter for a time. At the last meeting, he gave an account of the Convention which was very interesting.

The Ways and Means Committee is meeting this week to plan some special event for October, so read all about it next month.

WASHINGTON

The Yankee Division Club of Washington and the Maj.-Gen. Clarence R. Edwards' Post No. 2135 of the V. F. W. participated in fitting service and memorial on Sunday, September 27, which day, as you probably know, was designated as the first annual Gold Star Mothers' Day by a proclamation by the President of the United States in accordance with an Act passed by the last Congress. Unfortunately, this day, around here, did not receive much publicity — certainly not nearly as much as it should or will in the years to come, and I am unable to tell you, at this time, just what form our observance will be. I will try to have our secretary, if he is sober enough, write up a report on what we do and, if he isn't, I will try myself, provided I am.

—J. C.

HONOLULU

Since, from all reports, the boys of the YD are sticking together and interested in one another in the years after the big time "over there", I wonder if you wouldn't like to know that one of your number, Patrick J. Cassidy, now heads the American Legion in Hawaii.

Pat has been Department Adjutant for eight years and when it became known a few months ago that he would accept the commandership all other aspirants for that high office faded into the future and Pat was the unopposed, unanimous choice of the Convention. He is undoubtedly the most popular department commander we have ever had, and is on his way to set an all-high for everything the Legion stands for during his year.

—Harold C. Hill,
Dept. Adjt., A. L.

CLEVELAND

There is a good likelihood that the next new YD Chapter you will read about will be one in Cleveland, Ohio. During the Legion National Convention, it is reported that there were several hundred YD men, from Ohio alone, asking about the Y. D. V. A. and how chapters are organized. Unfortunately, no advance arrangements were made to hold a YD reunion during the big Convention, but this is an error which will not be made again and next year, in New York City, there will be not only one YD Headquarters, but at least two or three.

Of course the dedication of the General Edwards' marker, reported elsewhere in this issue, had a great deal to do with rounding up the YD men in town, with one objective in view. Thanks to the good work of Guy Watts, Len Maloney and others, some good sound information was passed out on the way to start a chapter. The man who undertook to be the mainspring in getting something started is Fred H. Flahaven, Commander of Cleveland Post No. 2, A. L., whose address is 1257 East 101st Street, Cleveland, Ohio. He is being ably assisted by

EARL HART, Secretary to the Mayor of Cleveland. HART served with the 102nd Infantry. They plan to call a general meeting of all YD men in and near Cleveland at an early date. Watch for more news from Cleveland.

DENVER

An attempt was made, during the National Encampment of the V. F. W., to form a YD Chapter in Denver, Colorado, with the three members-at-large who live there as a nucleus. TONY ROCK of Boston, who was appointed to "turn on the heat", reports that seven or eight men indicated that they were inetrested, but that only one actually gave him his dues. This report is in the nature of an S. O. S. to ARTHUR VETTER to start some mopping up and not let the good idea die.

DETROIT

Greetings to the Baby Chapter of the Y. D. V. A. Detroit has come in to the tune of twelve members and expect to triple this number shortly after January first, when dues are received for the full advance year. The following temporary officers have been selected: Chairman, PETE SADY; Secretary, DAVID SWARTZ; Treasurer, JACK GUITTAUD.

Another meeting is scheduled to be held on October 30, and National Vice-President WALTER D. CROWELL of Chicago has agreed to be in Detroit on that night to get the new chapter started on the right foot.

The twelve members to date are: RALPH BENNETT, ELMER G. BRACKETT, ATHOL W. DAVIS, JOHN H. GUITTAUD, EDWARD MASSEY, NELSON W. MCCORMACK, WILLIAM H. MUNSELL, BENSON G. MUNYAN, DAVID RITTENBERG, PETER SADY, CHARLES H. SMITH and DAVID SWARTZ.

101st INFANTRY ITEMS

The first meeting of the 101st Infantry Veterans Association, under its new president, EDWARD "KNOCKO" MCCORMACK, was held at Wave Cottage, South Boston, the evening of September 19. Perhaps in the annals of veteran clubdom, there never has been such a luncheon-meeting in Greater Boston.

It was unique in two respects, the members were welcomed at the door by President MCCORMACK with a hearty greeting and warm handshake. The latter, like a jovial inn-keeper from the pages of a Dicken's novel, ushered the member to a table and ordered the waiter to fetch him a "South Boston Corned Beef Dinner a la MCCORMACK". Incidentally, the genial host thought the veteran still retained his appetite of war days, but, alas, the gourmets and gourmands had difficulty in finishing the tender brisket, succulent vegetables, and delicious ears of corn set before them and no one asked for seconds. Perhaps life begins at forty for some, but it is obvious that the veteran's appetite recedes at that age.

Acting as master of ceremonies, President MCCORMACK made this meeting a jubilant occasion by the grandiose manner which he affected for the delight of the members and their friends. Selecting words that would have made Barnum and Bailey's publicity man envious, President MCCORMACK introduced the singers, speakers and movies. There followed applaudits of the audience.

Songs were sung by the sweet-voiced tenor, JERRY SHEA, a veritable Chauncey Olcott in his rendition of Irish ballads. Capt. HAROLD SMITH, past president of the YD Club of Boston; Dr. SHEEHAN and JIMMIE BARRY of the Medical Corps in France spoke in turn. Then a series of short talking pictures were projected by the cinematographer, who projected the pictures of Admiral Byrd. These pictures, many of a humorous nature, news reels and comedies, delighted the one hundred and twenty-five spectators that filled the cafe. A human touch was injected at this juncture, when "KNOCKO" requested that the windows be unobstructed so that the kiddies of the neighborhood could glimpse the films.

President MCCORMACK then requested that the meeting convene in the hall downstairs. The members, some forty-eight strong, filed down

stairs, while their guests and members of other outfits enjoyed the concert and movies.

President McCormack called the meeting to order at 9:15 o'clock, first thanking the members for electing him as their leader for the coming year and promising them a year of financial success and good times if they would cooperate with him. He then called upon Joe Galligan, president of B Co. Associates, who requested the members to stand while he uttered a short prayer for the deceased comrades of the regiment.

Comrade Fred Jones gave a brief resume of the recent regimental reunion in Clinton. He earnestly requested the members to attend the regimental councils and meetings.

Austin Kennedy, past president of the 101st Inf. V. A., announced that the installation of officers of the association would take place in the Municipal Building, South Boston, on October 28, at 8 P. M. At this meeting, General Edward Logan will be awarded a medal for his interest and work in keeping the old outfit together. Past President Schofield would also be awarded the insignia bestowed on the president of the association leaving office.

The president then informed all that the association financially was "almost defunct" and he had in mind a sure money-maker in the form of a series of amateur boxing tournaments he proposed that the association sponsor this winter.

On the motion of John Kelly, seconded by Mike Mooney, it was moved that an amateur boxing tournament be sponsored by the association when the A. A. A. sanction was obtained.

On the motion of Fred Jones, seconded by Les Perry, it was moved that a "flying squadron" of automobiles of the members be used to visit parts of the state that had 101st Infantry men and interest them in joining the association. It was moved that a number of men of the association take part in the pageant to be held in the South Boston Stadium on the evening of October 16.

Henry Chapin requested all the members present to bring a friend to the monster Smoker the Association was sponsoring at Irish-American Hall on the evening of October 4, and said that it would be a five-hour show as was the last one. Much business was transacted with a minimum of parliamentary procedure, and had Prof. Demeter and his pupils of the YD Legion Post been present, it is feared that they would have sought solace in the cooling waters of City Point. All the units of the 101st Inf. Ass'n. had one or more representatives at the meeting, except companies D, E, F, and L.

President McCormack informed the meeting that he had opened rooms at the Quincy Market at his expense to transact business for the Association and that the members would receive one of his newsy and voluminous letters regarding the next meeting shortly, and everyone's slogan should be "Every member bring in a member". The motion to adjourn was made by Newman Rothenberg, seconded by Jimmie Creswell, at 10:25 o'clock.

—M. J. Mooney,
(101st Inf. Vet. Ass'n.)

The Smoker on October 7 was a complete success, both socially and financially, and nobody regrets the fact that he paid forty cents to see a show that positively was worth at least $2.00, and, as a result of the profit made on the Smoker, we are started on the right road to a successful comeback of the greatest outfit in the world — the 101st Infantry Veterans Association.

The next monster event will be the reunion and dance and installation of officers; also the presentation of medals to our Past President, Peter Schofield, and our Honorary President, General Edward L. Logan, at the Municipal Building, Broadway, South Boston, Mass., on Wednesday evening, October 28.

On Friday, October 16, there will be a meeting at the Wave Cottage Restaurant, 829 East 6th Street, South Boston, and a good old-fashioned shore dinner will be passed out at my expense, consisting of clams and clam broth, and crabmeat and lobster combination salad with French fried potatoes and all the fixings that go with it.

The following is the Smoker report: Receipts $325.95, Expenses $171.37, Net Profit $154.58.

An approximate amount of the money that we have in the treasury of the 101st Infantry Veterans Association is the following: Balance brought forward $259.42, profit on Smoker $154.58, Grand total $414.00.

Also, we have about sixty rings at $1.00 apiece and, not ribbing or riding the members to purchase the rings, but if we can dispose of them these rings will be turned into cash on hand. Those who purchase the rings will positively be getting their money's worth, as the same ring cannot be purchased for less than $3.00 at the present time.

As you have perhaps noted, we have opened up headquarters at Room 0101, Faneuil Hall Market and the telephone number is LAFayette 0101 and, if there are any matters pertaining to the Veterans or any other related matters that

you feel that we can be of assistance to you on, you can rest assured that you are welcome.

And just one final word—the funds of the 101st Infantry Veterans Association are in a checking account and the Association will be only too glad to assist any of the individual company organizations, so that they may get started on the road to a good membership.

—"KNOCKO".

I COMPANY

For the first time in many reunions of the regiment, I Co. of the Milk Battalion was represented by little more than a corporal's squad in Clinton on September 12.

The members who marched in the parade were WALTER GRANT, EMIL WESTLING, who led the company with his prize Boston Terrier, CHARLEY KARENZEIN, "CHICK" MCDONALD, Sgt. JACK LAIDLAW of the Boston Police Dept., JOE ZOPOLSKEY, MIKE MOONEY, GEORGE GILLESPIE and GEORGE MCDONALD. There was no representative of the company from Attleboro.

After the parade, these loyal members of the old outfit were the guests of President "KNOCKO" MCCORMACK at the large hall he hired to entertain B Co. and all the members of the regiment in Clinton. A delicious fish dinner and clambake was enjoyed by all.

—M. J. M.

FLICKERS FROM THE 104TH

C COMPANY

The Company was represented at the National Convention at Cleveland by L. D. JONES, FRED SCHEFFER, NICK DILEANUS and GUY WATTS.

A meeting of the Company was held at Worcester and plans have been made to have a Tablet put up in the old company rooms at the Armory with the names of all who sailed for France with the Company. The cost will be defrayed by a collection of a few dollars from the old gang. It is hoped that the dedication will be sometime very near Armistice Day.

It was suggested at the last 104th Executive Meeting that the officers of the different companies try to collect as much as possible of the advance payment on the History, which the Committee has been trying to get for the last two years. If you have not contributed and wish to send anything, mail it to LARRY WAGNER, 201 Oak Street, Holyoke, Mass., and you will be credited with that amount when the History is finished.

—H. G. W.

102ND M.G. BATTALION

B COMPANY

"What is so rare as a day in June?", the poet has said. Only a day in mid-summer with our comrades of the "Old Suicide Battalion", the 102nd Machine Gun outfit, with our old commander, Major HARLEY J. SCOTT, as host and dispenser of joy on his picturesque and well-stocked farm in South Hanson, Mass.

On Saturday, September 12, some twenty-five members of the old company, with a number of friends from other outfits, were guests of Major SCOTT. Greetings were exchanged by members who had not seen each other for years or since the winter banquet and reunion of the company at the Hotel Westminster in February.

As most of the members were "city fellas", the genial major explained the intricacies of agriculture and poultry-raising, he having some three hundred prize Plymouth Rocks. Later, everyone visited the rifle range and took several shots at the targets. Perhaps because they used rifles instead of machine guns, their aim was faulty The best scores were made by Comrades LABOMBARD, ANDREWS and GILLESPIE. The writer confined his shooting to a camera.

Near sundown, all sat down to a delicious chicken dinner, hot corn and all the fixings, products of the host's farm, cooked by his charming wife. There was plenty of apertifs, vin rouge and la biere. The dinner was served in the large barn sans vaches et betail and was reminiscent of the last meal the company ate in France, eighteen years ago. At the conclusion of the dinner, a vote of thanks was extended to Major SCOTT and his wife for their hospitality and the best picnic-reunion enjoyed by the battalion.

Among those present were Comrades HARLEY SCOTT, JEREMIAH LUCY, MICHAEL SULLIVAN, LORNE KAYE, HAL MARTIN, BILL RICH, ED COLLINS, FRANK GILLESPIE, NORMAN BAKER, HARRY BARROWS, JOE BRADY, ARTHUR RYAN, HENRY CHAPIN, WARREN ANDREWS, MICHAEL MOONEY (101st Inf.), LEWIS MILLER, ERROL LABOMBARD, LINK MCNALLY and ARTHUR FLEMING.

—HENRY R. CHAPIN,
(Co. B, 102nd Machine Gun Battalion).

ENGINEER ENTRIES

F COMPANY

The monthly F Company dinners are to start again at the Club Devkelder on the ground floor of the YD Club. They will be held this year on the fourth Friday of each month, the first one being on October 23. Mark the dates on your calendar and try to be present each month, as you are sure to enjoy these gatherings.

The plans to have a memorial tablet to Captain EDDIE BRUSH, in the Cadet Armory, are going ahead rapidly. A final design has been approved and by the time that you are reading this you will probably have already received a letter from the committee telling how this project is to be financed. We all thought the world of Captain EDDIE and feel certain that every man in E and F Companies will be glad of this chance to have his memory honored in much the same way that D Company has honored CARROLL SWAN, and B Company, JOHNNY OSBORN.

Rumor has it that there has been no such thing as a depression for JOHN MCCOLL, who has been most successful in the real estate business.

— P. N. S.

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, FITCHBURG, MASS.
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING,
DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS, Y. D. V. A.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, RUTLAND, VT.
ANNUAL VISIT OF NATIONAL OFFICERS.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, WINSTED, CONN.
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING,
DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, LYNN, MASS.
18th ANNUAL ARMISTICE BANQUET,
HAPPY VALLEY GOLF CLUB,
MIXED PARTY — $1.50 PER PLATE.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, CHICAGO, ILL.
ANNUAL BANQUET.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, BOSTON
MONTHLY SMOKER.

THANKSGIVING NIGHT, MANCHESTER, N. H.
ANNUAL DANCE.

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